

## Azithromycin (Zithromax®)

This antibiotic is taken by mouth and used to treat: non-gonococcal urethritis (NGU), mucopurulent cervicitis (MPC), chlamydia and gonorrhea.

### **Tell your doctor, nurse, or nurse practitioner if you:**

- Are allergic to antibiotics
- Are breastfeeding
- Are taking any medications or recently had a typhoid vaccine or BCG
- Have had QT prolongation on ECG, low magnesium, or low potassium levels
- Have myasthenia gravis
- Have a history of liver or kidney disease

### **Possible side effects:**

- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Abdominal pain, loss of appetite
- Vaginal itching or discharge

### **How to take this medication:**

- Take all 4 pills at the same time, with or without food.
- Do not share your medication.

### **Precautions after taking this medication**

- Do not have sex for 7 days after taking this medication.
- Do not have sex with untreated partners.
- If you vomit within 1 hour of taking this medication, you must return to the clinic for re-treatment. Drinking alcohol may increase your chance of vomiting.
- Do not take antacids (Tums, Rolaids, Maalox) within 2 hours of taking this medication.
- Tell us immediately if you develop a rash, itching, vomiting, tightness in your chest or throat, trouble breathing, swelling of the face, lips or tongue. If you have these symptoms after you have left the clinic, seek emergency medical care.

### **Storage**

- Most of the time this drug is given in the clinic. If taken home, keep at room temperature, out of the reach of children and pets.