



Chlamydia Treatment Facts for Partners

Drug Side Effects

These are well known side effects and are not serious. Very few people experience any of these symptoms:

- Slightly upset stomach
- Diarrhea
- Dizziness
- Vaginal yeast infection

Allergic Drug Reactions

Allergic reactions are rare. If you have ever had a bad reaction, rash, breathing problem or other allergic reactions with azithromycin or other antibiotics, consult your doctor or pharmacy before taking.

Call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room immediately if you experience any of these reactions:

- Difficulty breathing/tightness in the chest
- Closing of your throat
- Swelling of your lips or tongue
- Hives (bumps or welts on your skin that intensely itch)

After Taking Your Medicine

Do not have sex for the 7 days after you take the medicine and do not have sex with any partners for 7 days after they take their medicine. It takes 7 days for the medicine to cure Chlamydia. If you have sex without a condom or with a condom that breaks during those first 7 days, you can still pass on the infection to your sex partners. You can also get re-infected from your sex partners.

If you think you do have symptoms of Chlamydia infection and they do not go away within 7 days after taking this medicine, please go to a doctor for more testing and treatment.

If you have any other sex partners, tell them you are getting treated for Chlamydia so they can get examined and treated.

You can get Chlamydia again. Get tested for all STDs three months from now to be sure you did not get another Chlamydia infection.

Not having sex is the best protection against Chlamydia and other STDs. Having sex with only one uninfected partner who only has sex with you is also safe.

The use of latex condoms during sexual intercourse when used consistently and correctly can reduce the risk of transmission of Chlamydia.



Facts about Chlamydia



Chlamydia is a sexually transmitted disease (STD). You can get Chlamydia from having sex (oral, vaginal, anal) with a person who already has the disease. **You may have been exposed.**

Most people infected with Chlamydia do not have any symptoms, and can spread this sexually transmitted infection without knowing they are infected.

Chlamydia is **easily treated** with the medicine known as azithromycin.

You should visit your own doctor or clinic provider for testing and treatment.

If your partner has given you azithromycin (pills) or a prescription for azithromycin, then the medicine was given to your partner by a medical person to treat you.

If you choose not to take this medicine, you should seek medical care as soon as possible.

It is important to see a doctor or clinic provider in order to be tested for other STDs. It is common for people to have more than one STD at a time. Azithromycin **will not** cure other STDs.

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Male Symptoms

- Pain or discomfort in the testicles
- Pain or discomfort in the lower belly
- Painful urination
- Pain or discharge in the rectum

Female Symptoms

- Pain when having sex
- Vaginal discharge
- Painful urination
- Vaginal bleeding between periods



Warning

If you do not take medicine to cure Chlamydia, you can get very sick. If you are a woman, you might not be able to have children. For both men and women, having any sexually transmitted disease can make you more likely to contract HIV should you come into contact with that virus. If you are pregnant, seek medical evaluation before taking the medicine.

How to Take This Medicine

One gram (2-500 mg. pills or 4-250 mg. pills) of azithromycin is used to treat Chlamydia. Take them all at the same time with water.

You can take these pills with or without food. However, taking these pills with food decreases the chance of having an upset stomach and will increase the amount of medicine your body absorbs.

You need to take all the pills you were given to be cured. Do not share or give this medication to anyone else.

Do not take antacids (Tums, Rolaids, or Maalox) for *1 hour before* or *2 hours after* taking the azithromycin. pills.