

Expedited Partner Therapy

INFORMATION *for* PARTNERS



WHAT ARE SOME ADVERSE EFFECTS?

If you experience trouble breathing, swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat, hives or severe skin reaction after taking this medication, go to the emergency room immediately and take the container in which your medication came.

WHEN CAN YOU HAVE SEX?

Do not have any type of sex (with or without protection) for at least 7 days after taking azithromycin or until you have completed a medical evaluation. Avoid any sexual contact (with or without protection) with individuals who have not been treated to avoid re-infection.

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WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF CHLAMYDIA COMPLICATIONS?

FEMALES: If you are experiencing abdominal or pelvic pain, you could have pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), which could lead to infertility and issues with future pregnancies because of damage to the reproductive organs.

MALES: If you are experiencing testicular pain or swelling, you may have epididymitis which, although rare, could result in persistent pain and infertility.

If you have these symptoms see your healthcare provider or go to your local health department immediately.

Your partner
was recently
treated for
chlamydia and
you should be
treated, too.

WHAT IS CHLAMYDIA?

Chlamydia is a sexually transmitted disease that can be easily cured with proper treatment.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

It is important that you are treated for exposure to chlamydia promptly. Often chlamydia has no signs or symptoms, so most people don't know they are infected. Left untreated, chlamydia can lead to serious complications.

WHAT IS EXPEDITED PARTNER THERAPY (EPT)?

You are being offered expedited partner therapy (EPT), which allows sexual partners of individuals diagnosed with chlamydia to receive medications or prescriptions without having to see a healthcare provider.



***Each packet
is a course of
Azithromycin***

WHAT IS THE MEDICATION YOU ARE RECEIVING?

You are receiving an antibiotic called **azithromycin** to treat the infection. Be sure to take all of the medicine **as prescribed** for it to be effective.

IS THIS MEDICATION SAFE TO TAKE?

You should not take this medication if you have ever had an allergic reaction (like a rash, hives, shortness of breath) to azithromycin (Zithromax), erythromycin, clarithromycin (Biaxin). If you are unsure about whether you have an allergy, or you have a serious, long-term illness like kidney, liver or heart disease, colitis or stomach problems, talk to your doctor before taking this medication.