

AzaSite (azithromycin) basics

Treats pink eye. AzaSite (azithromycin) effectively treats pink eye and requires you to place less drops into your eye compared to similar medications, but it can be expensive.

What to expect when starting

Here's when people typically experience benefits as well as some possible side effects. Your experience may be different.

	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
AzaSite (azithromycin) Drug effectiveness					
Possible side effects†					
Eye irritation					

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Before applying AzaSite (azithromycin), thoroughly wash your hands and then invert the closed bottle and shake once.
- Don't touch the container tip with your hands or to other surfaces.
- Take out contact lenses before using AzaSite (azithromycin). Check with your doctor to see when you can put them back in after using AzaSite (azithromycin).
- After putting a drop into the eye, pinch the bridge of your nose lightly for 1 minute to keep the medicine in your eye.
- Use AzaSite (azithromycin) as instructed. Do not stop early or skip doses even if your symptoms have improved.
- After opening, keep AzaSite (azithromycin) at room temperature or in the refrigerator (not freezer) and throw away after 14 days.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Allergy to ingredients

Before starting AzaSite (azithromycin), tell your doctor if you are allergic to azithromycin (Zithromax). If you notice changes in your eyes such as eyelid swelling, eye pain, or changes in your vision while taking AzaSite (azithromycin), contact your doctor because these can be signs of an allergic reaction.

Risk for eye infection

Keep the applicator tip clean by not allowing it to touch your eyes or another object. This will help prevent you from potentially getting an eye infection.

Not to be used with contact lenses

Remove contact lenses before use. Check with your doctor on when you can re-insert them again.