



## MEDICAL TIPS

**AZIBEST Tablets**

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### **Use of Azithromycin in Pregnancy: More Doubts than Certainties**

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- Macrolides such as Azithromycin are among the most commonly prescribed antibiotics during pregnancy and based on FDA pregnancy risk categories, it belongs to category B.
- Due to its good transplacental transfer, Azithromycin is suitable for the treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, toxoplasmosis, and malaria in pregnant women.
- In addition, Azithromycin has been clinically evidenced to be useful both in the management of preterm pre-labor rupture of membranes and in the adjunctive prophylaxis for cesarean delivery.
- In the present review on the use of Azithromycin in pregnant women, there was no conclusive evidence to support that its use by pregnant women causes adverse outcomes in their offspring.

**Azithromycin should only be used during pregnancy when clinically indicated if the benefits of treatment are expected to outweigh the potential risks. It has better safety profile as compared to Clarithromycin during**

