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Revision of Precautions

Azithromycin hydrate (oral dosage form for pediatric use), erythromycin, clarithromycin, spiramycin acetate, roxithromycin, tosufloxacin tosilate hydrate (oral dosage form without dosage and administration for pediatric use), norfloxacin(oral dosage form with indications for otitis media)

September 8, 2020

Therapeutic category

Antibiotics preparations acting mainly on gram-positive bacteria and mycoplasma, synthetic antibacterials

Non-proprietary name

Azithromycin hydrate, erythromycin, clarithromycin, spiramycin acetate, roxithromycin, tosufloxacin tosilate hydrate, norfloxacin

Safety measure

Precautions should be revised in the package insert.

Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency

Revision in line with the Instructions for Package Inserts of Prescription Drugs, PAB Notification No. 606 by the Director General of Pharmaceutical Affairs Bureau, MHW, dated April 25, 1997 (Old instructions):

Revised language is underlined.

Current	Revision
Precautions concerning Indications	Precautions concerning Indications
For the treatment of pharyngitis/laryngitis, tonsillitis, acute bronchitis,	For the treatment of pharyngitis/laryngitis, tonsillitis, acute bronchitis,
infectious enteritis, or sinusitis, the Guidance for Appropriate Use of	infectious enteritis, otitis media, or sinusitis, the Guidance for
Antimicrobials should be consulted to decide whether administration	Appropriate Use of Antimicrobials should be consulted to decide
of antimicrobials is necessary, and then this drug should be	whether administration of antimicrobials is necessary, and then this
administered in cases where treatment with this drug is determined	drug should be administered in cases where treatment with this drug
to be appropriate.	is determined to be appropriate.
*Highlighted indications should be listed only when applicable.	*Highlighted indications should be listed only when applicable.

<Reference> Guidance for Appropriate Use of Antimicrobials compiled by the Tuberculosis and Infectious Diseases Control Division, of the Health Bureau, at the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Revision in line with the Instructions for Package Inserts of Prescription Drugs, etc. PSEHB Notification No. 0608-1 by the Director of Pharmaceutical Safety and Environmental Health Bureau, MHLW, dated June 8, 2017 (New instructions):

Revised language is underlined.

Current	Revision
5. PRECAUSIONS CONCERNING INDICATIONS	5. PRECAUSIONS CONCERNING INDICATIONS
< Pharyngitis/laryngitis, tonsillitis, acute bronchitis, infectious enteritis,	< Pharyngitis/laryngitis, tonsillitis, acute bronchitis, infectious enteritis,
or sinusitis>	otitis media, or sinusitis>
The Guidance for Appropriate Use of Antimicrobials**) should be	The Guidance for Appropriate Use of Antimicrobials should be
consulted to decide whether administration of antimicrobials is	consulted to decide whether administration of antimicrobials is
necessary, and then this drug should be administered in cases where	necessary, and then this drug should be administered in cases where

treatment with this drug is determined to be appropriate.	treatment with this drug is determined to be appropriate.
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