

● PATIENT AND CARER ADVICE

Medicines for Children leaflet: Clarithromycin for bacterial infections www.medicinesforchildren.org.uk/clarithromycin-bacterial-infections

● PROFESSION SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Dental practitioners' formulary

Clarithromycin Tablets may be prescribed.
Clarithromycin Oral Suspension may be prescribed.

- **MEDICINAL FORMS** There can be variation in the licensing of different medicines containing the same drug. Forms available from special-order manufacturers include: infusion

Modified-release tablet

CAUTIONARY AND ADVISORY LABELS 9, 21, 25

▶ Klaricid XL (Mylan)

Clarithromycin 500 mg Klaricid XL 500mg tablets | 7 tablet [PoM]
£6.72 DT = £6.72 | 14 tablet [PoM] £13.23

▶ Xetinin XL (Morningside Healthcare Ltd)

Clarithromycin 500 mg Xetinin XL 500mg tablets | 7 tablet [PoM]
£6.72 DT = £6.72 | 14 tablet [PoM] £13.23

Granules

CAUTIONARY AND ADVISORY LABELS 9, 13

▶ Klaricid (Mylan)

Clarithromycin 250 mg Klaricid Adult 250mg granules sachets | 14 sachet [PoM] £11.68 DT = £11.68

Tablet

CAUTIONARY AND ADVISORY LABELS 9

▶ Clarithromycin (Non-proprietary)

Clarithromycin 250 mg Clarithromycin 250mg tablets | 14 tablet [PoM] £10.50 DT = £1.49

Clarithromycin 500 mg Clarithromycin 500mg tablets | 14 tablet [PoM] £21.50 DT = £2.44

Oral suspension

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▶ Clarithromycin (Non-proprietary)

Clarithromycin 25 mg per 1 ml Clarithromycin 125mg/5ml oral suspension | 70 ml [PoM] £4.91 DT = £3.59

Clarithromycin 50 mg per 1 ml Clarithromycin 250mg/5ml oral suspension | 70 ml [PoM] £9.88 DT = £4.94

▶ Klaricid (Mylan)

Clarithromycin 25 mg per 1 ml Klaricid Paediatric 125mg/5ml oral suspension | 70 ml [PoM] £5.26 DT = £3.59 | 100 ml [PoM] £9.04

Clarithromycin 50 mg per 1 ml Klaricid Paediatric 250mg/5ml oral suspension | 70 ml [PoM] £10.51 DT = £4.94

Powder for solution for infusion

ELECTROLYTES: May contain Sodium

▶ Clarithromycin (Non-proprietary)

Clarithromycin 500 mg Clarithromycin 500mg powder for solution for infusion vials | 1 vial [PoM] £11.25 DT = £9.45 (Hospital only)
Clarithromycin 500mg powder for concentrate for solution for infusion vials | 1 vial [PoM] £11.15 DT = £9.45 | 10 vial [PoM] £111.50

▶ Klaricid (Mylan)

Clarithromycin 500 mg Klaricid IV 500mg powder for solution for infusion vials | 1 vial [PoM] £9.45 DT = £9.45

increased to 500–1000 mg 4 times a day, dose increase may be used in severe infections

- ▶ Adult: 250–500 mg 4 times a day, total daily dose may alternatively be given in two divided doses, increased to 500–1000 mg 4 times a day, dose increase may be used in severe infections
- ▶ BY INTRAVENOUS INFUSION
- ▶ Child: 12.5 mg/kg every 6 hours (max. per dose 1 g)
- ▶ Adult: 6.25 mg/kg every 6 hours, for mild infections when oral treatment not possible, increased to 12.5 mg/kg every 6 hours, dose increase may be used in severe infections

Impetigo

▶ BY MOUTH

- ▶ Child 8–17 years: 250–500 mg 4 times a day for 5–7 days
- ▶ Adult: 250–500 mg 4 times a day for 5–7 days

Cellulitis | Erysipelas

▶ BY MOUTH

- ▶ Child 8–17 years: 250–500 mg 4 times a day for 5–7 days then review
- ▶ Adult: 500 mg 4 times a day for 5–7 days then review

Prevention of recurrent cellulitis (specialist use only) | Prevention of recurrent erysipelas (specialist use only)

▶ BY MOUTH

- ▶ Adult: 250 mg twice daily

Mild diabetic foot infection

▶ BY MOUTH

- ▶ Adult: 500 mg 4 times a day for 7 days then review

Leg ulcer infection

▶ BY MOUTH

- ▶ Adult: 500 mg 4 times a day for 7 days

Community-acquired pneumonia

▶ BY MOUTH

- ▶ Child 8–17 years: 250–500 mg 4 times a day for 5 days
- ▶ Adult: 500 mg 4 times a day for 5 days

Acute cough [if systemically very unwell or at higher risk of complications] | Acute sore throat

▶ BY MOUTH

- ▶ Child 1–23 months: 125 mg 4 times a day for 5 days, alternatively 250 mg twice daily for 5 days
- ▶ Child 2–7 years: 250 mg 4 times a day for 5 days, alternatively 500 mg twice daily for 5 days
- ▶ Child 8–17 years: 250–500 mg 4 times a day for 5 days, alternatively 500–1000 mg twice daily for 5 days
- ▶ Adult: 250–500 mg 4 times a day for 5 days, alternatively 500–1000 mg twice daily for 5 days

Acute otitis media

▶ BY MOUTH

- ▶ Child 1–23 months: 125 mg 4 times a day for 5–7 days, alternatively 250 mg twice daily for 5–7 days
- ▶ Child 2–7 years: 250 mg 4 times a day for 5–7 days, alternatively 500 mg twice daily for 5–7 days
- ▶ Child 8–17 years: 250–500 mg 4 times a day for 5–7 days, alternatively 500–1000 mg twice daily for 5–7 days

Early syphilis

▶ BY MOUTH

- ▶ Adult: 500 mg 4 times a day for 14 days

Uncomplicated genital chlamydia | Non-gonococcal urethritis

▶ BY MOUTH

- ▶ Adult: 500 mg twice daily for 14 days

Chronic prostatitis

▶ BY MOUTH

- ▶ Adult: 250–500 mg 4 times a day, total daily dose may alternatively be given in two divided doses, increased to 4 g daily in divided doses, dose increase may be used in severe infections

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Erythromycin

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● INDICATIONS AND DOSE

Susceptible infections in patients with penicillin hypersensitivity (e.g. respiratory-tract infections (including Legionella infection), skin and oral infections, and campylobacter enteritis)

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