

Participant Pictorial Information Sheet

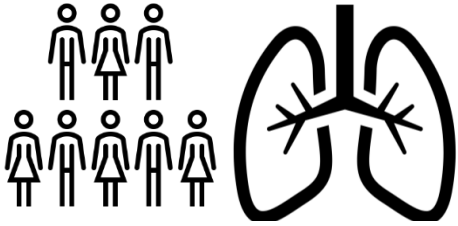
Optimising azithromycin
prevention treatment in COPD to
reduce exacerbations



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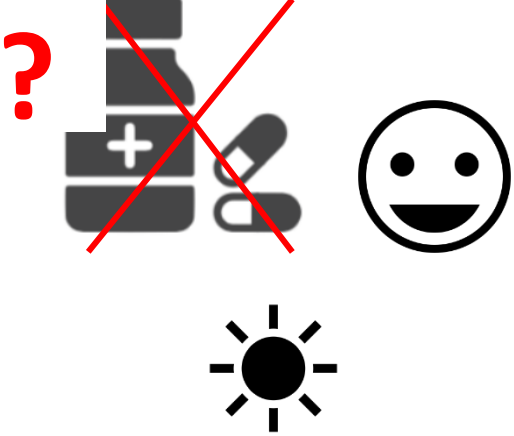


Why do we need the trial?




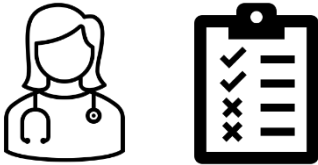



1. Azithromycin is a medicine used in people with COPD to reduce flare-ups.


Currently, we don't know how best to use it.

What questions will this trial answer?

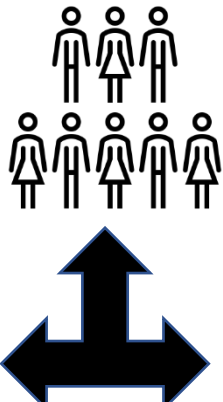

	2.	Is it safe to stop azithromycin if COPD is more stable?
	3.	What happens if you stop azithromycin over the summer months?
	4.	Does azithromycin work in some people and not others?
	5.	What about azithromycin side effects?





What will happen if I take part?

	6.	Your care will not be affected whether or not you take part in the trial.
	7.	We will check whether you are eligible to take part in the trial.
	10.	We will take your informed consent.
	11.	You will be asked to fill in some questionnaires.
	12.	You may have a blood test and breathing test if not had recently.


	13.	We will avoid hospital or GP visits just for the trial. You can participate from home.
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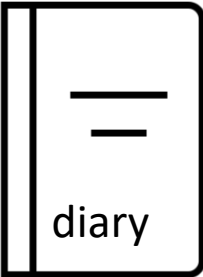



What trial medication will I receive?

	14.	You will be randomised to one of three trial medication groups.
	15.	A) azithromycin or B) dummy pills or C) azithromycin in winter and dummy pills in summer

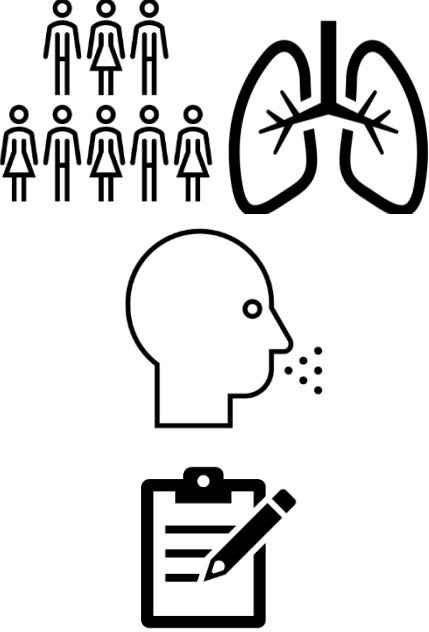
	16.	All the trial pills will look the same and you and your trial team will not know what you are on.
	17.	Trial medication will be delivered to your home.
	18.	You will be told how to take the trial medicine.
	19.	And you will be told who to contact if needed.

What if I have a flare-up?

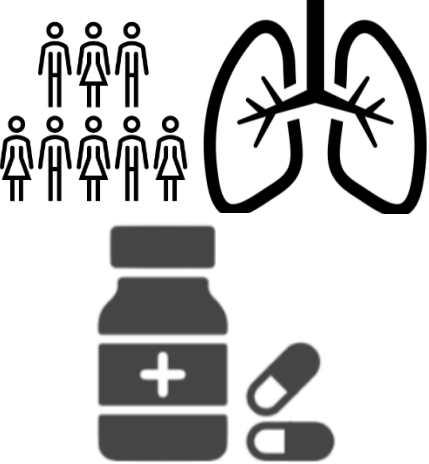
	20.	We will provide information on how to let us know.
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	21.	You will be given a diary to record information about flare-ups.
	22.	If you are having flare-ups your trial team may decide to stop trial medication.
	23.	If so, your doctor or nurse may decide to restart your regular azithromycin prescription.
	24.	You will still be followed up in the trial. This information is very important too.

What are disadvantages?

	25.	<p>You may experience flare-ups.</p> <p>You may experience side-effects.</p> <p>It is important for us to record this information.</p>
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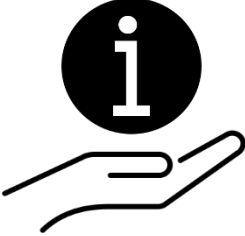
What are advantages?

	26.	<p>You will help us find out how we can best use azithromycin in people with COPD to reduce flare-ups.</p>
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What will happen to my information?

 <p>The icons in this section include: a group of six stylized human figures (three men and three women) in the top left; a pair of human lungs in the top right; a medicine bottle with a cross on it and two pills in the middle; and a medical folder with a cross on it in the bottom.</p>	27.	<p>Your information will be looked after in a fair, lawful and secure manner.</p> <p>We may also need to access medical records for the trial.</p> <p>You will not be able to be identified from any trial results published.</p>
 <p>The icons in this section include: a padlock on the left and a lowercase letter 'i' inside a circle on the right.</p>	28.	<p>We will keep information about you safe.</p>

What if I want to stop the trial?

 	29.	<p>You can stop taking part in the trial at any time.</p> <p>We will use the information you gave us before you stopped.</p>
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What if there is a problem?

	30.	<p>You can contact the trial team or your local patient advisory liaison service.</p>
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Trial contact details

 <p>OPACE TRIAL</p>	31.	<p>Local contact: XXXX</p> <p>Trial email: cuh.opace@nhs.net</p> <p>Trial website: www.opacecopd.org.uk</p>
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