



Pyrazinamide

Reason for taking this medicine

Pyrazinamide (PZA) is an antibiotic that is used with other medicines to treat Tuberculosis (TB).

How to take this medicine

- It is important that you take PZA as prescribed
- If you are pregnant, think you might be pregnant, or are breastfeeding, tell your health care provider before starting PZA
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as possible, but do not take two doses at one time
- You can take PZA with or without food
- Avoid alcoholic beverages while on PZA
- Avoid sun exposure since PZA can make your skin more sensitive to the sun
- Do not store PZA in areas where there is direct sunlight, heat or moisture

Caution

- Report any allergies to medicine to your health care provider and pharmacist before starting PZA
- Tell your health care provider if you have diabetes, gout, liver or kidney disease, or drink alcohol
- Always tell your health care provider and pharmacist if you are taking other medications or herbal remedies

While most people can take Pyrazinamide with no problem, PZA may cause some side effects. Notify your health care provider if you are experiencing:

- Joint pain
- Gout episode
- Skin rash
- Reddish brown colour of skin exposed to sun

Pyrazinamide can affect your liver. This is called hepatitis. While you are on PZA, your health care provider will ask you to have regular blood tests to monitor your liver. Stop taking your TB medicines, and call your health care provider right way if you have any of the following symptoms:

- Yellowing of eyes and skin
- Loss of appetite
- Severe nausea and vomiting, stomach cramps, stomach pain
- Fever, chills
- Very dark urine