



BC Centre for Disease Control
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PASER (p-aminosalicylic acid granules)

What is PASER?

PASER is an antibacterial used in the treatment of tuberculosis and occasionally other related conditions.

When should I take this?

- You may with food to reduce stomach upset.
- Take this medicine at the same times everyday. (This will help you remember to take the medicine)

How should I take this?

- It is very important that you take this medicine regularly.
- Sprinkle the granules on acidic food such as apple sauce or yogurt or SWIRL in a fruit drink such as: tomato juice, orange juice, grapefruit juice, grape juice, cranberry juice, apple juice or fruit punch and swallow the granules without chewing.
- **Do not use if the packet is swollen or the granules have lost their tan colour and are dark brown or purple.**
- You are to take this medicine:

- Empty granules may be seen in stool.

What should I do if I miss a dose?

- If you miss a dose, take that dose as soon as you remember. But if it is almost time for the next day's dose, skip the missed dose.
- **Do not take a double dose.**

Is there anything I should avoid when taking this?

- Tell your doctor and pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any over-the-counter (non-prescription) products.

What are some possible side effects?

- Nausea and vomiting
- Diarrhea, stomach upset
- Dizziness or drowsiness
- Long term use may lower thyroid function

You may require Vitamin B12 shots if you are on PASER for more than one month. PASER might interfere with some urine ketone tests.

If you experience the following, stop taking this medicine and report these immediately to your doctor or to the Vancouver TB Control Clinic at (604) 707-2692:

- Rash
- Fever
- Persistent nausea or vomiting
- Loss of appetite
- Yellowing of skin or eyes
- Unusual tiredness or weakness
- Dark urine

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, plan to become pregnant, or if you wish to breast-feed your baby.

Where should I store this medication?

- Keep away from the reach of children.
- Store in refrigerator or freezer (below 15°C (59°F)). **Do not use if the packet is swollen or the granules have lost their tan colour and are dark brown or purple.**
- Avoid excessive heat.

Where do I call if I have any other questions?

Vancouver TB Control Clinic: (604) 707-2692
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