PASER® (p-aminosalicylic acid granules)

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

When should I take this?
- Take with food to reduce stomach upset.
- Take this medicine at the same time every day. 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 if the granules have lost their tan colour and are dark brown or purple.
- You are to take this medication: ________________________________.
- 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?
- Before taking PASER, make sure you tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist all the medications (including non-prescription) you are taking. DO NOT start a new medication without consulting a doctor or a pharmacist.

What are some possible side effects?
- Nausea and vomiting
- Diarrhea, stomach upset
Caution: Stop taking PASER and call your doctor or nurse immediately if you experience the following symptoms:

- Rash
- Fever
- Persistent nausea or vomiting
- Loss of appetite
- Yellowing of skin or white part of the eyes
- Unusual tiredness or weakness
- Dark urine
- Any other persistent side effects

You may require Vitamin B12 shots if you are on PASER for more than one month.

PASER might interfere with some urine ketone tests.

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, plan to become pregnant, or if you wish to breastfeed 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?

Your doctor, clinic or Public Health Unit: ________________________

Vancouver TB Services Clinic: 604-707-2692
New Westminster TB Services Clinic: 604-707-2698
Vaccine and Pharmacy Services (BCCDC): 604-707-2580