PYRAZINAMIDE

Pyrazinamide is an antibiotic used only to treat tuberculosis (TB).

When should I take this?
- 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.
- Take as directed by your doctor.

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?
- Alcohol
- Avoid excessive exposure to sunlight or artificial UV light (e.g. sunlamps or tanning beds) while taking this medication. Use sunscreen and wear protective clothing.

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?
- pain or swelling of the joints

Caution: Call your doctor or nurse immediately if you experience any of the following symptoms:
- unusual tiredness or weakness
- fever
- loss of appetite
- nausea (urge to vomit)
- stomach upset or diarrhea
- dark urine
- yellowing of skin or eyes
- itching or skin rash
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What else do I need to know about taking Pyrazinamide?

- It is important that you go for all lab tests ordered by your doctor and attend all appointments with your doctor or nurse.
- Tell your doctor if you have the following conditions: acute gout, liver disease, frequent alcohol use
- 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
- Protect from light
- Store at room temperature in a cool, dry place.

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
BCCDC Vaccine and Pharmacy Services: 604-707-2580