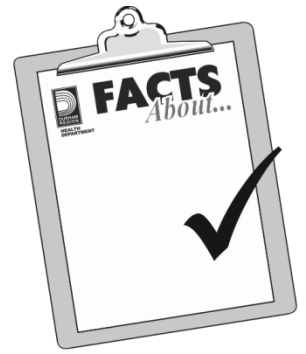




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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Pyrazinamide

Brand Names

Tebrazid

Reason for taking this medicine

Pyrazinamide (PZA) is used to treat **tuberculosis** (TB). It is used with other TB drugs.

How to take this medicine

- It is very important that you take pyrazinamide as ordered
- If you think you might be **pregnant**, or you are **breastfeeding**, tell your doctor
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as possible, but **never** take two doses at one time
- You can take pyrazinamide **with or without food**
- **Do not drink alcohol** while taking pyrazinamide
- Avoid the sun as pyrazinamide can make your skin more sensitive to the sun
- Do not store pyrazinamide near sun, heat, or moisture
- Keep all follow up appointments with your doctor in order to check your response to pyrazinamide
- Have your blood work done as ordered by your doctor to check your liver

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Caution

- Tell your doctor and pharmacist if you have any **drug allergies** before starting pyrazinamide
- Tell your doctor if you have diabetes, gout, liver or kidney disease, or drink alcohol
- Always tell your doctor and pharmacist if you are taking other medicines or vitamins
- Flushing and/or itching of the face and scalp, watery eyes can occur, usually 2-3 hours after taking pyrazinamide. An anti-allergy medication can be taken to treat this.

Most people can take pyrazinamide without any problems, pyrazinamide may have some side effects and can also affect your liver. This is called hepatitis.

Stop taking your TB medicines and call your doctor **right away** if you have any of the following symptoms:

- **Yellowing eyes and/or skin**
- **Severe loss of appetite**
- **Severe nausea and vomiting**
- **Stomach cramps or severe stomach pain**
- **Fever, chills**
- **Very dark urine**
- **Feeling very tired or weak**
- **Skin rash, severe itching or hives**
- **Pain or swelling in the joints**

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