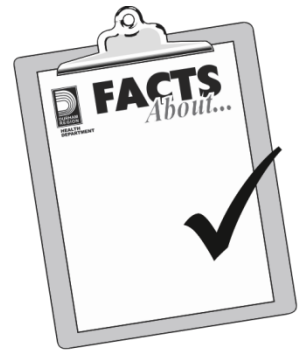




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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

# 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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