How does this medication work?

Pyrazinamide is an antibacterial drug used with other anti-infective agents in the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis.

How do I take this medication?

Your dosage

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Pyrazinamide may be taken with or without food.

It is important to take pyrazinamide regularly, at the same time each day, for the duration of your treatment, even if you feel better after a while.

Never stop your treatment without first speaking to your doctor.

What if I forget to take a dose?

Take the dose you missed as soon as possible, and then continue with your regular schedule.

If it is nearly time for your next dose, however, just take that one according to the normal schedule. Do not double up doses.

What are the side effects of this medication?

Some people may experience gastrointestinal (digestive) effects such as anorexia (loss of appetite), abdominal pain, nausea and vomiting. To help lessen these, take pyrazinamide with food. If they occur and persist, consult your pharmacist, doctor or dietician for ways to manage these side effects.

Pyrazinamide may affect your liver. A temporary increase in hepatic (liver) enzymes may sometimes be seen and, rarely, hepatitis. Hepatitis can cause nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite, unusual fatigue, jaundice (yellow colour of the skin and the whites of the eyes), dark urine and pale stools. Inform your doctor if you experience these symptoms.

Pyrazinamide may affect your joints. Inform your doctor if you have pain or swelling (e.g. your big toe, ankle, or knee).

Rarely, an allergic reaction may occur. If you notice the appearance of a skin eruption (rash, redness with or without itching) or other effect on your skin, have a fever or difficulty in breathing, inform your doctor immediately.

Before taking pyrazinamide, inform your doctor if you have a history of allergy to niacin (vitamin B3), isoniazid (Isotamine®) or etionamide (Trecator®).
Can I take pyrazinamide with my other medications?

Test results may be inaccurate for diabetic patients measuring ketones in their urine with one of the following tests: Ketostix, Keto-Diastix, or Chemstrip K, G or GK.

Check with your doctor before changing your diet or if the dosage of your diabetic medication needs to be changed.

Consult your doctor or pharmacist before taking any new medication, whether on prescription or not, any natural products or recreational drugs.

Can I drink alcohol if I’m on pyrazinamide?

Avoid the excessive or regular consumption of alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, spirits) as these may interact with some of your medications.

However, do not miss a dose of your medication because you want to have a drink. Unless your doctor tells you otherwise, reasonable (social) consumption should not be harmful to your health.

What if I’m pregnant or breast-feeding?

The effects of pyrazinamide on pregnancy are not yet known. If you are, or want to become pregnant, talk to your doctor about taking it.

As the virus can be transmitted via maternal milk, breast-feeding is not recommended in women who are HIV-positive.

Storage

Keep pyrazinamide in a dry place, at room temperature (15 to 30°C or 59 to 86°F). Avoid humidity (bathrooms, etc.).

Place out of the sight and reach of children.

General advice

Always keep your appointments with your doctor and the care team, so that your condition can be closely monitored.

If you have any questions about your medications or need help on how to schedule when to take them, please contact your doctor or pharmacist, who know your medication well.

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