

Pyrazinamide-AFT

Pyrazinamide 500 mg Tablet

What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some common questions about Pyrazinamide-AFT.

It does not contain all the available information. It does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist.

All medicines have risks and benefits. Your doctor has weighed the risks of you taking Pyrazinamide-AFT against the benefits they expect it will have for you.

If you have any concerns about taking this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Keep this leaflet with the medicine. You may need to read it again.

What the medicine is used for

Your medicine is used in combination with other medicines to treat tuberculosis, also known as TB.

Tuberculosis is a bacterial infection that mainly affects the lungs, but it can also spread to other organs in the body.

It belongs to a group of medicines called anti-infectives.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why this medicine has been prescribed for you. Your doctor may have prescribed it for another reason.

This medicine is not addictive.

Pyrazinamide-AFT is available only with a doctor's prescription.

This medicine is not expected to affect your ability to drive a car or operate machinery.

Before you take this medicine

When you must not take it

Do not take Pyrazinamide-AFT if:

- You have an allergy to any medicine containing Pyrazinamide
- You have an allergy to any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
- You are breast-feeding. Like most medicines, Pyrazinamide-AFT is not recommended for use while breast-feeding.
- You have liver disease

- You have gout or gouty arthritis

You have too much uric acid in your blood (also called hyperuricaemia) which may or may not cause gout or gouty arthritis.

Do not give Pyrazinamide-AFT to a child.

The safety of this medicine has not been established in children.

Do not take this medicine after the expiry date printed on the pack or if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.

If it has expired or is damaged, return it to your pharmacist for disposal.

If you are not sure whether you should start taking this medicine, talk to your doctor.

Before you start to take the medicine

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breast-feeding.

Your doctor can discuss with you the risks and benefits involved.

Tell your doctor if you have or have had any of the following medical conditions:

Gout or gouty arthritis

Diabetes mellitus

Kidney problems

Tell your doctor if you have allergies to any other medicines, foods, preservatives or dyes.

If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell him/her before you start taking Pyrazinamide-AFT.

Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any that you get without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop. Some medicines may affect the way other medicines work.

How to use the Medicine

Follow all directions given to you by your doctor or pharmacist carefully.

They may differ from the information contained in this leaflet.

If you do not understand the instructions on the pack, ask your doctor or pharmacist for help.

How much to take

Take Pyrazinamide-AFT only when prescribed by your doctor.

Your doctor will tell you how many tablets you need to take each day.

The dose of Pyrazinamide-AFT will be different for different people. The dose is based on your body weight. The tablets are usually taken 3 to 4 times a day.

Follow all directions give to you by your doctor carefully. They may differ from the information contained in this leaflet.

If you do not understand the instructions on the bottle, ask your doctor or pharmacist for help.

How to take it

Swallow the tablets with a full glass of water.

How long to take it

Continue taking Pyrazinamide-AFT for as long as your doctor prescribes.

It is important that you take your Pyrazinamide-AFT every day, or as prescribed by your doctor. If you do not complete the full treatment prescribed by your doctor your TB infection may not clear completely or it may return.

If you forget to take it

If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the dose you missed and take your next dose when you are meant to.

Otherwise, take it as soon as you remember, and then go back to taking your tablet(s) as you would normally.

Do not take a double dose to make up for the dose that you missed. If you are not sure what to do, ask your doctor or pharmacist. If you have trouble remembering to take your medicine, ask your pharmacist for some hints.

While you are using Pyrazinamide-AFT

Things you must do

Keep all of your doctor's appointments so that your progress can be checked. Your doctor will have your blood tested every two to four weeks to make sure that your liver is functioning properly and your blood uric acid level is stable.

If you become pregnant while taking this medicine, tell your doctor immediately.

If you are about to be started on any new medicine, remind your doctor and pharmacist that you are taking Pyrazinamide-AFT.

Things you must not do

Do not stop taking your tablets because you feel better.

If you do not complete the full treatment prescribed by your doctor, some of the bacteria causing your TB infection may not be killed. These bacteria may continue to grow and multiply so that your TB infection may not clear completely, or it may return.

Do not give your medicine to anyone else, even if they have the same condition as you.

Side effects

Tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are taking Pyrazinamide-AFT.

This medicine helps most people with Tuberculosis, but it may have unwanted side effects in a few people. All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not. You may need medical attention if you get some of the side effects.

Do not be alarmed by the following lists of side effects. You may not experience any of them.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist to answer any questions you may have.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice any of the following and they worry you:

- Feeling sick (also called nausea)
- Vomiting
- Loss of appetite
- Stomach pain
- Fever
- Generally feeling unwell

These are the most common side effects of Pyrazinamide-AFT. For the most part these have been mild.

If any of the following happen, tell your doctor immediately or go to Accident and Emergency at your nearest hospital:

- Yellowing of the skin and/or eyes, also called jaundice
- Signs of anaemia, such as tiredness, being short of breath, and looking pale
- Pain and swelling of joints
- An attack of gout
- Pain when passing urine
- Allergic reactions including rash, itching, and pinkish, itchy swellings on the skin, also called nettle rash
- Abnormal weight loss

The above list includes very serious side effects. You may need urgent medical attention or hospitalisation. These side effects are very rare.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything that is making you feel unwell.

Other side effects not listed above may also occur in some people. Some of these side effects can only be found when your doctor does tests from time to time to check your progress.

Overdose

Immediately telephone your doctor or the Poisons Information Centre (Australia 13 11 26; New Zealand 0800 POISON or 0800 764 766) for advice, or go to Accident and Emergency at the nearest hospital, if you think that you or anyone else may have taken too much Pyrazinamide-AFT. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

Storage

Keep your tablets in the container until it is time to take them.

If you take the tablets out of the container they may not keep well.

Keep your tablets in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C.

Do not store Pyrazinamide-AFT or any other medicine in the bathroom or near a sink. Do not leave it on a windowsill or in the car.

Heat and dampness can destroy some medicines.

Keep it where children cannot reach it.

A locked cupboard at least one-and-a-half metres above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

Other ingredients

Pyrazinamide-AFT contains 500mg of pyrazinamide as the active ingredient. It also contains:

- Starch - pregelatinised maize
- Starch - maize
- Cellulose- microcrystalline
- Stearic acid
- Silica - colloidal anhydrous

This medicine does not contain lactose, sucrose, gluten, tartrazine or any other azo dyes.

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