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Generic name: phenazopyridine [*fen-AY-zoe-PIR-i-deen*]**Brand names:** [AZO Urinary Pain Relief](#), AZO Urinary Pain Relief Max Strength, [Azo-Standard](#), [Baridium](#), [Prodim](#), ... [show all 21 brands](#)**Dosage form:** oral tablet (100 mg; 200 mg; 95 mg; 97.2 mg; 97.5 mg; 99.5 mg)**Drug class:** [Miscellaneous genitourinary tract agents](#)[Medically reviewed](#) by Drugs.com on Aug 8, 2023. Written by [Cerner Multum](#).[Uses](#) [Side effects](#) [Warnings](#) [Before taking](#) [Dosage](#) [Interactions](#) [FAQ](#)

What is phenazopyridine?

Phenazopyridine is a pain reliever that affects the lower part of your urinary tract (bladder and urethra).

Phenazopyridine is used to treat urinary symptoms such as pain or burning, increased urination, and increased urge to urinate. These symptoms can be caused by [infection](#), injury, [surgery](#), catheter, or other conditions that irritate the bladder.

Phenazopyridine will treat urinary symptoms, but **this medication will not treat a urinary tract infection**.. Take any [antibiotic](#) that your doctor prescribes to treat an infection.

Phenazopyridine may also be used for purposes not listed in this medication guide.

Phenazopyridine side effects

Get emergency medical help if you have any of these **signs of an allergic reaction**: hives; difficult breathing; swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat.

Phenazopyridine may cause serious side effects. Stop using phenazopyridine and call your doctor at once if you have:

- little or no urinating;
- swelling, rapid weight gain;
- confusion, loss of appetite, pain in your side or lower back;
- [fever](#), pale or yellowed skin, stomach pain, [nausea](#) and [vomiting](#); or
- blue or purple appearance of your skin.

Common side effects of phenazopyridine may include:

- [headache](#);
- dizziness; or
- [upset stomach](#).

This is not a complete list of side effects and others may occur. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

 [Phenazopyridine side effects](#) (more detail)

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Warnings

You should not use phenazopyridine if you have kidney disease.

Before taking this medicine

You should not use phenazopyridine if you are allergic to it, or if you have kidney disease.

To make sure phenazopyridine is safe for you, tell your doctor if you have:

- [liver disease](#);
- [diabetes](#); or
- a genetic enzyme deficiency called [glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase \(G6PD\)](#) deficiency.

FDA [pregnancy category](#) B. Phenazopyridine is not expected to harm an unborn baby. **Do not use phenazopyridine without a doctor's advice if you are pregnant.**

It is not known whether phenazopyridine passes into breast milk or if it could harm a nursing baby. **Do not use this medicine without a doctor's advice if you are breast-feeding a baby.**

How should I take phenazopyridine?

Use exactly as directed on the label, or as prescribed by your doctor. Do not use in larger or smaller amounts or for longer than recommended.

Take phenazopyridine after meals.

Drink plenty of liquids while you are taking phenazopyridine.

Phenazopyridine will most likely darken the color of your urine to an orange or red color. This is a normal effect and is not harmful. Darkened urine may also cause stains to your underwear that may be permanent.

Phenazopyridine can also permanently stain soft contact lenses, and you should not wear them while taking this medicine.

Do not use phenazopyridine for longer than 2 days unless your doctor has told you to.

This medication can cause unusual results with urine tests. Tell any doctor who treats you that you are using phenazopyridine.

Store at room temperature away from moisture and heat.

Phenazopyridine dosing information

Usual Adult Dose for Dysuria:

190 to 200 mg orally 3 times a day

Comments:

- Take this drug after a meal.
- Take this drug with a full glass of water.
- This drug should not be used longer than 2 days concomitantly with an antibacterial, because of the lack of evidence that the combined administration of this drug and an antibacterial provides greater benefit than the antibacterial alone after 2 days.

Use: For the symptomatic relief of pain, burning, urgency, frequency, and other discomfort arising from irritation of the lower urinary tract mucosa caused by infection, trauma, surgery, endoscopic procedures, or the passage of sounds or catheters

Usual Pediatric Dose for Dysuria:

12 years and older:

190 to 195 mg orally 3 times a day

Comments:

- Take this drug after a meal.
- Take this drug with a full glass of water.
- This drug should not be used longer than 2 days concomitantly with an antibacterial, because of the lack of evidence that the combined administration of this drug and an antibacterial provides greater benefit than the antibacterial alone after 2 days.

Use: For the symptomatic relief of pain, burning, urgency, frequency, and other discomfort arising from irritation of the lower urinary tract mucosa caused by infection, trauma, surgery, endoscopic procedures, or the passage of sounds or catheters

What happens if I miss a dose?

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember. Skip the missed dose if it is almost time for your next scheduled dose.

Do not take extra medicine to make up the missed dose.

What happens if I overdose?

Seek emergency medical attention or call the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222.

What should I avoid while taking phenazopyridine?

Do not use this medication while wearing soft contact lenses. Phenazopyridine can permanently discolor soft contact lenses.

What other drugs will affect phenazopyridine?

Other drugs may interact with phenazopyridine, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, [vitamins](#), and [herbal products](#). Tell each of your health care providers about all medicines you use now and any medicine you start or stop using.

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Does phenazopyridine interact with my other drugs?

Enter medications to view a detailed interaction report using our [Drug Interaction Checker](#).

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