



Health, Seniors and Active Living

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Dear Health Care Provider:

Re: Update - Shortage of Pyrazinamide (PZA) 500mg has Ended:

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living (MHSAL) would like to advise that the shortage of Pyrazinamide (PZA) 500 mg which was announced on September 7, 2016 has now ended. Manitoba has sufficient supply on hand to allow for its regular use as per the Canadian Tuberculosis Standard (7th edition):

Pyrazinamide 500 mg is one of the first line Anti-TB drugs and it is used in the initial 2-month phase of treatment followed by 4 months of continuation phase, for a total of 6 months treatment for pan sensitive pulmonary TB only.

For further information on tuberculosis (TB) case and contact identification and management, please refer to the MHSAL TB protocol:
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/tb.pdf>

In the event of another supply shortage, MHSAL will send out a further communication.

If you have any questions, please contact MHSAL at 204-788-6737

Sincerely,

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