

Adlyxin (lixisenatide) basics

Lowers blood sugar. Adlyxin (lixisenatide) can lower blood sugar in addition to metformin, but it must be injected and usually causes upset stomach.

What to expect when starting

Here's when people typically experience benefits as well as some possible side effects. Your experience may be different.

	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
Adlyxin (lixisenatide) Drug effectiveness					
Possible side effects	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
Nausea 25% chance vs. 6% placebo*					
Vomiting 10% chance vs. 2% placebo*					
Headache 9% chance vs. 6% placebo*					
Diarrhea 8% chance vs. 6% placebo*					
Dizziness 7% chance vs. 4% placebo*					

* Placebo is a sugar pill with no medicinal benefit.

Tips from pharmacists

- Inject into your belly, thighs, or upper arm within 1 hour of your first meal of the day.
- If you miss a dose, wait until the next meal to inject your dose.
- Store unused pens in the refrigerator until you're ready to use them. Keep used pen at room temperature and away from light.
- Discard the pen 14 days after the first use, even if there's medicine still inside.
- Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated and to prevent kidney damage.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Loss of effectiveness

Some people may find that Adlyxin (lixisenatide) doesn't work as well over time. They may also notice redness and itchiness where they inject it. Talk to your doctor if this happens to you, since you might have to switch to a different medicine to get better control of your blood sugar.

Inflammation of pancreas (pancreatitis)

Rarely, Adlyxin (lixisenatide) can cause inflammation of your pancreas, which can be dangerous. Let your doctor know right away or go to the emergency room if you have severe stomach or back pain, vomiting, a high fever and a fast pulse or heartbeat.

Severe allergic reactions

Adlyxin (lixisenatide) can rarely cause severe allergic reactions, such as rash, blistering, trouble breathing, swelling of the lips, tongue, mouth, or throat. Go to the emergency room right away and stop using Adlyxin (lixisenatide).