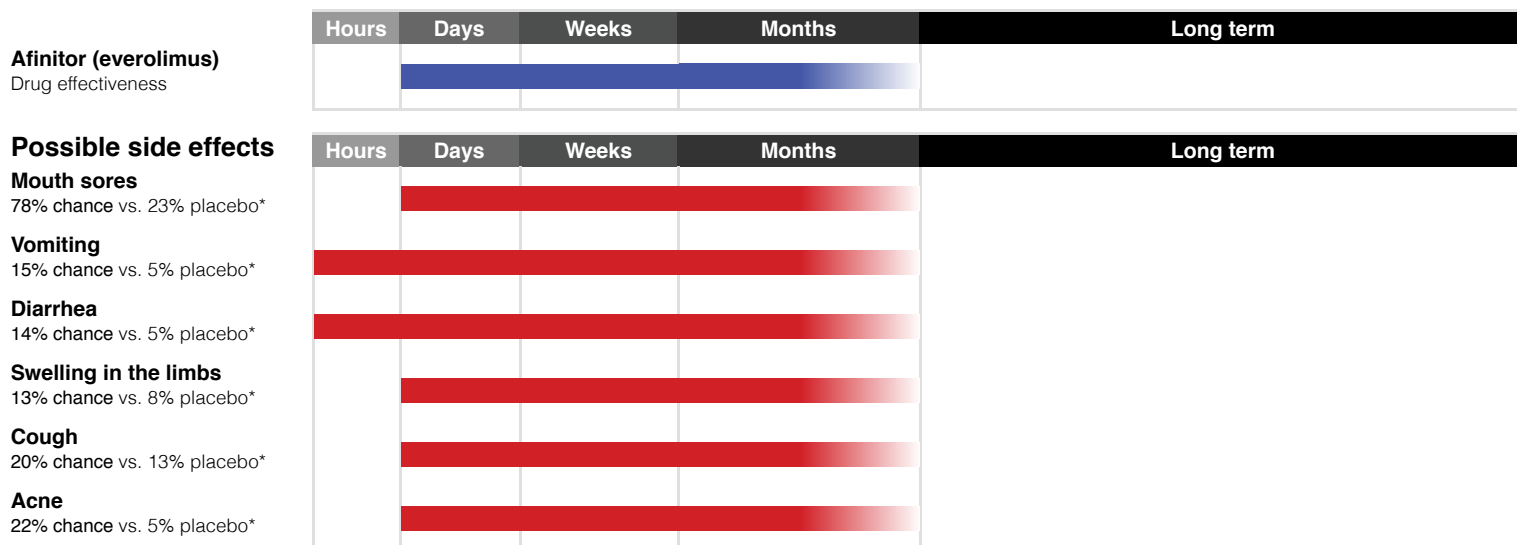


Afinitor (everolimus) basics

Treats different types of cancer. Treats different types of cancer, but can cause uncomfortable side effects.

What to expect when starting

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



* Placebo is a sugar pill with no medicinal benefit.

Tips from pharmacists

- Afinitor (everolimus) can be taken with or without food with a full glass of water. It is important to stay consistent - always take with food or on an empty stomach.
- Swallow the tablet whole, and do not chew, break, or crush it.
- Afinitor (everolimus) may not work as well if you are taking St. John's wort. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before starting any new prescription or over the counter medications.
- Store Afinitor (everolimus) in the original container at room temperature and protect it from light.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Infection

Afinitor (everolimus) is a medication that lowers the activity of your immune system, making you more prone to getting an infection. Make sure you wash your hands frequently, and stay away from sick people and crowds. If you notice a fever, cough, or any other symptoms of illness, let your doctor know immediately.

Kidney disease

Afinitor (everolimus) can cause kidney damage. The damage can be more pronounced when Afinitor (everolimus) is used with other medications that also cause kidney problems. Check with your doctor or pharmacist before starting any new prescription medications, vitamins or supplements. Contact your doctor immediately if you notice a reduced amount of urine, or swelling of your legs, ankles, or feet.

Lung problems

Afinitor (everolimus) can cause a serious lung condition called non-infectious pneumonitis. This occurs in about 19% of patients who take Afinitor (everolimus). Talk to your doctor immediately if you notice symptoms such as shortness of breath, cough, trouble breathing, fever, or weakness.

