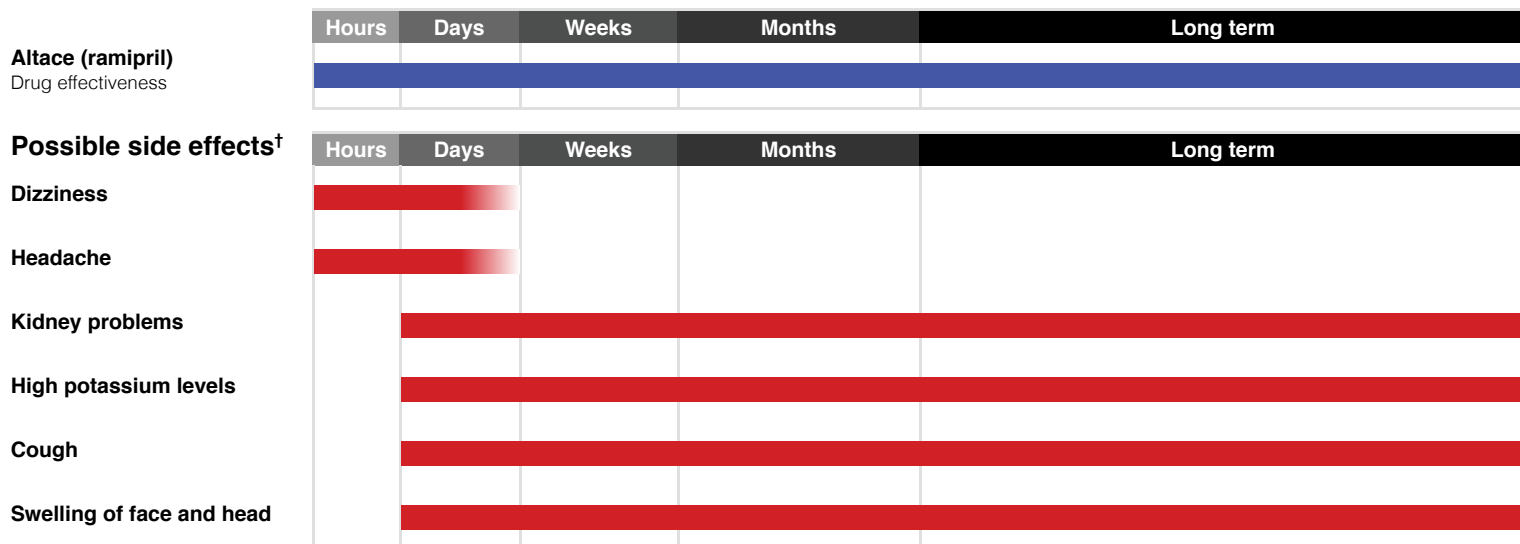


Altace (ramipril) basics

Lowers blood pressure. Altace (ramipril) is a good blood pressure-lowering medicine that protects your kidney function. It's also a good option if you have trouble swallowing pills since you can open the capsules.

What to expect when starting

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



† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Altace (ramipril) can make you feel dizzy for the first few days.
- Check your blood pressure one week after starting Altace (ramipril) or changing your dose.
- Tell your doctor about any dizziness, cough, or throat irritation that doesn't go away.
- Requires routine blood tests to check how your kidneys are working.
- Don't take Altace (ramipril) if you're pregnant.
- If you can't swallow the capsule, you can open it up and mix with water, apple juice, or apple sauce.

Risks and warnings

The FDA has identified these as possible serious or life-threatening risks with this medication. Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Harm to fetus

Altace (ramipril) can cause birth defects. If you're pregnant or considering having a baby, talk to your doctor about different medicines.

Cough

Taking Altace (ramipril) can cause minor throat irritation or a dry cough. This can happen at any time while you're taking Altace (ramipril). If the cough bothers you, talk to your doctor about other medication options.

Swelling of face and head

Angioedema, or swelling in the face, lip, tongue, throat, or other organs, can happen at any time while you're taking Altace (ramipril). This is more likely to happen if you are of African descent. Talk to a doctor or pharmacist if you have any head or neck swelling or stomach pain that doesn't go away.