

# Asendin (amoxapine) basics

**Stabilizes your mood.** While Asendin (amoxapine) can treat depression, you have to take it several times a day and it can make you feel sleepy.

## 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
<b>Asendin (amoxapine)</b> Drug effectiveness		[Blue bar spanning Days, Weeks, and Months]			
<b>Possible side effects†</b>					
<b>Changes in movement</b>			[Red bar spanning Weeks, Months, and Long term]		
<b>Increased risk of suicide</b>			[Red bar spanning Weeks, Months, and Long term]		
<b>Insomnia</b>		[Red bar spanning Days and Weeks]			
<b>Drowsiness</b>		[Red bar spanning Days and Weeks]			

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

## Tips from pharmacists

- You can feel very tired or sleepy. Don't drive or do anything that requires concentration until you know how it affects you.
- You might not notice any changes in your mood for at least a few weeks.
- Take Asendin (amoxapine) with food to avoid stomach upset.
- You're more likely to be dehydrated and constipated. Drink plenty of fluids and be careful not to get overheated if you're out in the sun.
- Don't stop taking Asendin (amoxapine) without talking to your doctor. Stopping Asendin (amoxapine) suddenly can be very dangerous.

## 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.

### Increased risk of suicide

Taking Asendin (amoxapine) can make you more likely to harm yourself or commit suicide, especially if you are younger and during the first few weeks of taking the medicine. If you or your child feel like they want to hurt themselves while taking Asendin (amoxapine), call the doctor right away.

### Vision changes

If you're taking Asendin (amoxapine) and have glaucoma, rarely, you might notice changes in how much you can see. This can be dangerous if it's not taken care of right away. Call your doctor right away if this happens.

### Difficulty controlling movements

Some people have noticed changes in being able to control movements while on Asendin (amoxapine). This can be permanent if it's not taken care of right away. Call your doctor right away if this happens.