

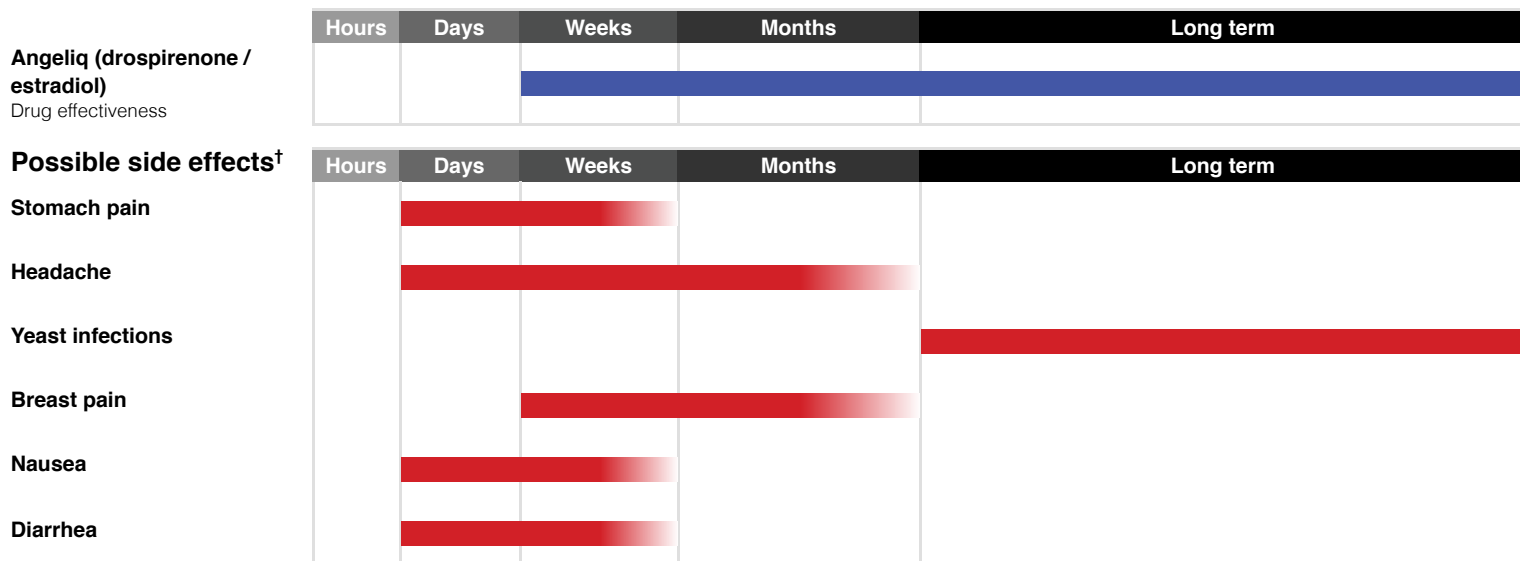
Angeliq (drospirenone / estradiol) basics

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Relieves hot flashes and vaginal dryness due to menopause. Angeliq (drospirenone / estradiol) helps relieve menopausal symptoms. There can be many side effects, so it's important to think through the benefits and potential hassles of this drug before using it.

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

- You can get some bleeding if you miss several doses in a row.
- If you miss a pill and it's been more than 24 hours since you were supposed to take it, skip it and continue your normal dose. Don't ever take a double dose.
- You and your doctor should regularly talk about how long to use Angeliq (drospirenone / estradiol). The longer you are on it, the more likely you are to have problems from it.
- Can cause nausea, dizziness, and breast tenderness.
- Tell your doctor about any unusual vaginal bleeding.
- Tell your doctor or go to an emergency room if you notice unexplained swelling and pain in your limbs, shortness of breath, chest pain, severe headache, or changes in vision.

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.

Endometrial cancer

Vaginal bleeding after menopause can be a warning sign of uterus (endometrial) cancer, so let your doctor know if you notice any unusual bleeding. Using medicines like Angeliq (drospirenone / estradiol) for more than a year can increase your risk. Talk to your doctor about other medicines you can take with Angeliq (drospirenone / estradiol) to protect yourself from cancer if you are worried.

Breast cancer

Angeliq (drospirenone / estradiol) might make you more likely to have breast cancer. You're at greater risk if you or your family have had breast cancer before or if you've used Angeliq (drospirenone / estradiol) or similar medicines for a year. Talk to your doctor about ways to protect yourself.

Increased risk of blood clots and stroke

Angeliq (drospirenone / estradiol) can raise your risk of blood clots, which can be very dangerous. You're more likely to have them if you smoke tobacco, are obese, or if you or your family have ever had blood clots. Get medical care right away if you have pain in your legs or arms, bad headaches, trouble breathing, or sudden changes in your speech or vision.