

Anzemet (dolasetron) basics

Helps prevent nausea and vomiting Anzemet (dolasetron) prevents nausea and vomiting and does not have many 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.

	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
Anzemet (dolasetron) Drug effectiveness					
Possible side effects					
Headache 23% chance					
Fatigue 6% chance					
Diarrhea 5% chance					
Decreased heart rate 4% chance					
Dizziness 3% chance					
Indigestion 2% chance					

Tips from pharmacists

- Swallow the tablet whole. Do not chew, break, or crush.
- Take 1 hour before chemotherapy.
- Anzemet (dolasetron) prevents nausea and vomiting, but does not treat it. You may need another medication to help with nausea/vomiting that's already happening.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Abnormal heart rhythm

Anzemet (dolasetron) can cause irregular heartbeats that may be life-threatening. Talk to your doctor about any history of heart rhythm irregularities. Call your doctor or get help right away if you have a heartbeat that does not feel normal.

Serotonin syndrome

Serotonin syndrome is a rare but serious condition caused by too much serotonin (a chemical messenger in the brain). While taking Anzemet (dolasetron), call your doctor or go to the hospital right away if you have agitation, change in balance, confusion, hallucinations, high fever, cold sweats, shivering, fast or abnormal heartbeat, muscle twitching or stiffness, vomiting, or seizures.