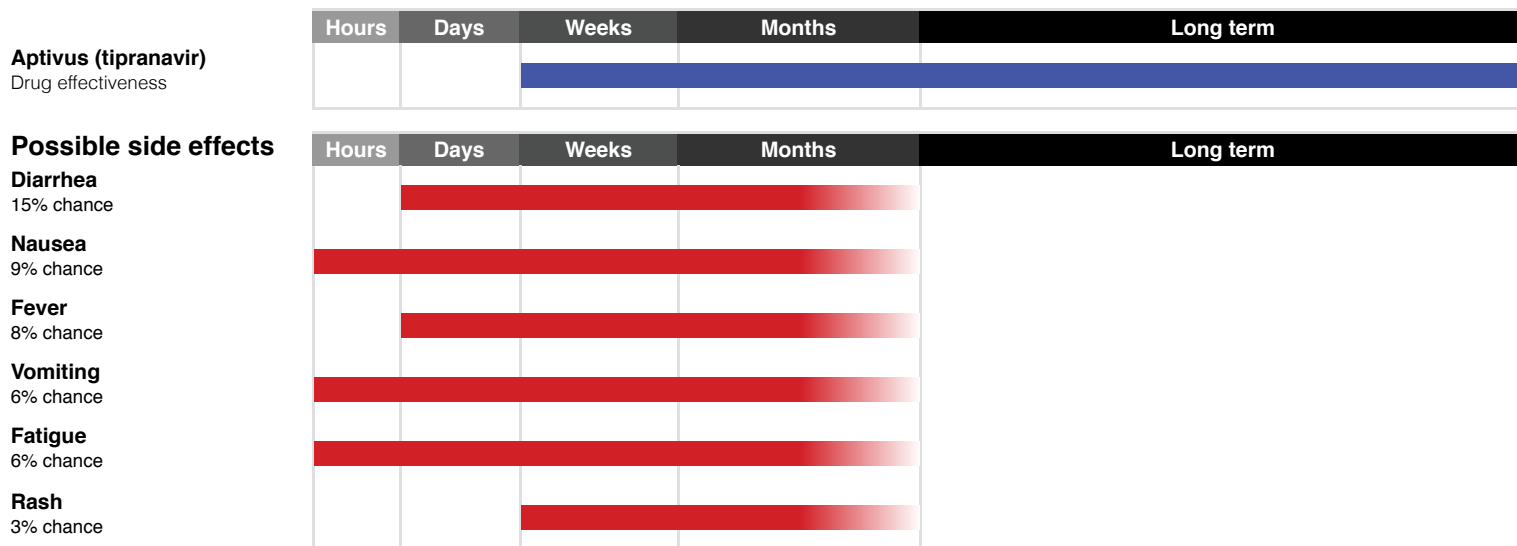


# Aptivus (tipranavir) basics

**Treats HIV infection.** Aptivus (tipranavir) is not the first-choice treatment for HIV because it can cause more side effects and drug interactions than similar alternatives.

## What to expect when starting

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



## Tips from pharmacists

- This drug must be combined with another drug called Norvir or ritonavir.
- Store the capsules in the fridge. After opening, store at room temperature.
- Throw away unused medicines 60 days after opening.
- Use other types of birth control like a condom because Aptivus (tipranavir) can make birth control pills less effective.

## 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.

### Bleeding in the brain

Aptivus (tipranavir) can cause bleeding in the brain. People who have other medical conditions or are receiving certain medications are more likely to experience this. Talk to your doctor if this is a concern for you.

### Liver damage

Aptivus (tipranavir) can harm your liver. Your doctor will do regular blood tests to check your liver. Talk to your doctor if you notice dark urine or abdominal pain.

### Immune reconstitution syndrome

Taking Aptivus (tipranavir) can suddenly trigger your immune system to react strongly towards infections that have always been in your body, but were unresolved. Usually this happens within the first few months of starting it. You can get symptoms like fever, night sweats, and severe tiredness. If you experience any of these symptoms or anything else unusual after starting Aptivus (tipranavir), talk to your doctor right away.