

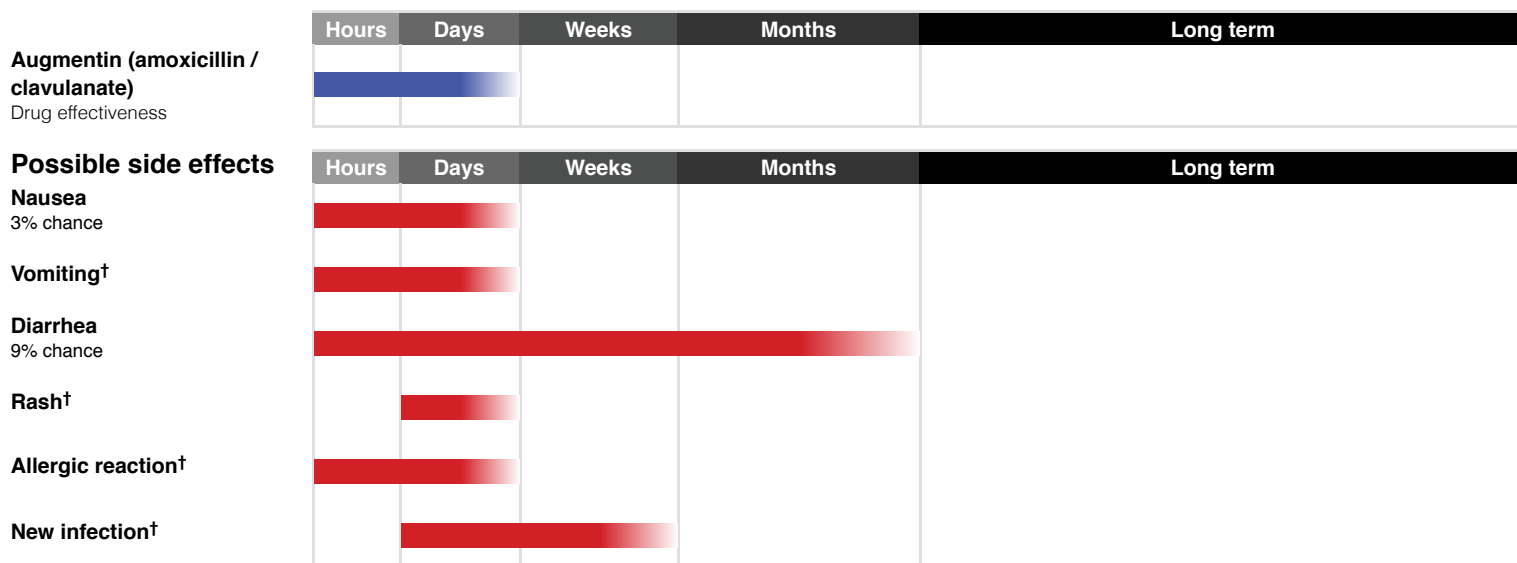
# Augmentin (amoxicillin / clavulanate) basics

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**Treats bacterial infections.** Augmentin (amoxicillin / clavulanate) is first-choice antibiotic for most common types of infections. However, it may not work against more serious or uncommon types of infections.

## 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

- Finish all of your medicine even if you start to feel better. Stopping it early can cause the infection to come back stronger than before.
- Augmentin (amoxicillin / clavulanate) can make your oral birth control less effective. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you need to use backup birth control.
- Take Augmentin (amoxicillin / clavulanate) at the start of a meal if it gives you an upset stomach.
- Shake the liquid well before using.
- Store the liquid in the fridge, and throw away after 10 days.

## Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

### Serious allergic reaction

Tell your doctor if you are allergic to penicillin or other antibiotics. Augmentin (amoxicillin / clavulanate) can cause a serious allergic reaction. If you have difficulty breathing, swelling of face and throat, or a serious rash, stop taking Augmentin (amoxicillin / clavulanate) immediately and get medical help.

### Liver damage

Augmentin (amoxicillin / clavulanate) may cause liver damage that is usually reversible. Talk to your doctor if you notice abdominal pain, loss of appetite, yellowing of your skin or eyes, or dark-colored urine.

### Superinfection

Antibiotics like Augmentin (amoxicillin / clavulanate) can kill healthy bacteria in your gut. It may raise your risk for other types of infections. Talk to your doctor if you develop unusual diarrhea with bloody stools or abdominal cramps within a few weeks after you take your last dose of Augmentin (amoxicillin / clavulanate).