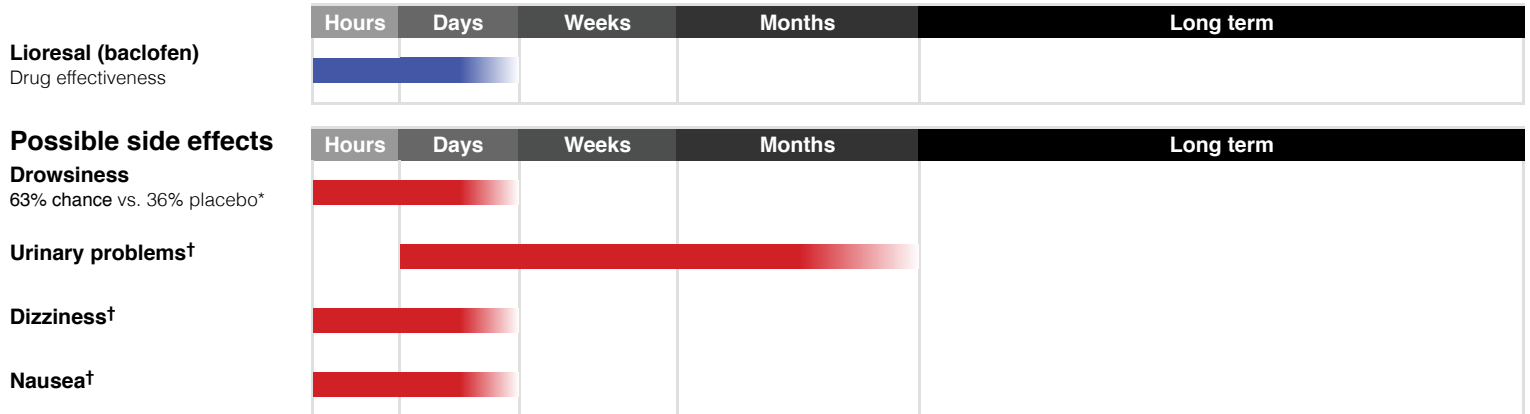


# Lioresal (baclofen) basics

**Relaxes your muscles.** Lioresal (baclofen) is a first choice treatment for muscle spasticity caused by multiple sclerosis or spinal cord injuries, but it's not recommended for other types of muscle spasms.

## What to expect when starting

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



\* Placebo is a sugar pill with no medicinal benefit.

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

## Tips from pharmacists

- Lioresal (baclofen) can make you feel very tired or sleepy. Don't drive or do anything that requires concentration until you know how it affects you.
- Don't stop taking Lioresal (baclofen) suddenly without talking to your doctor if you've been on it for a long time. It can be dangerous. Your doctor will help you get off it slowly over time.
- Avoid drinking alcohol while on Lioresal (baclofen) because it can make you very sleepy or slow your breathing down.

## Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

### Withdrawal symptoms

If you've been taking Lioresal (baclofen) for a while, stopping it suddenly can be dangerous. People have had seizures and hallucinations. Talk to your doctor about stopping it slowly so this doesn't happen to you.

### Driving impairment

Lioresal (baclofen) lowers your ability to focus, think, and react. Be careful. Avoid activities that require you to be alert, such as driving a car or operating machinery, until you know how this medication affects you.

### Seizures

If you've had seizures in the past, Lioresal (baclofen) can make you more likely to have them again, even if they're controlled by medicines. Talk to your doctor if your medicines have to be changed.