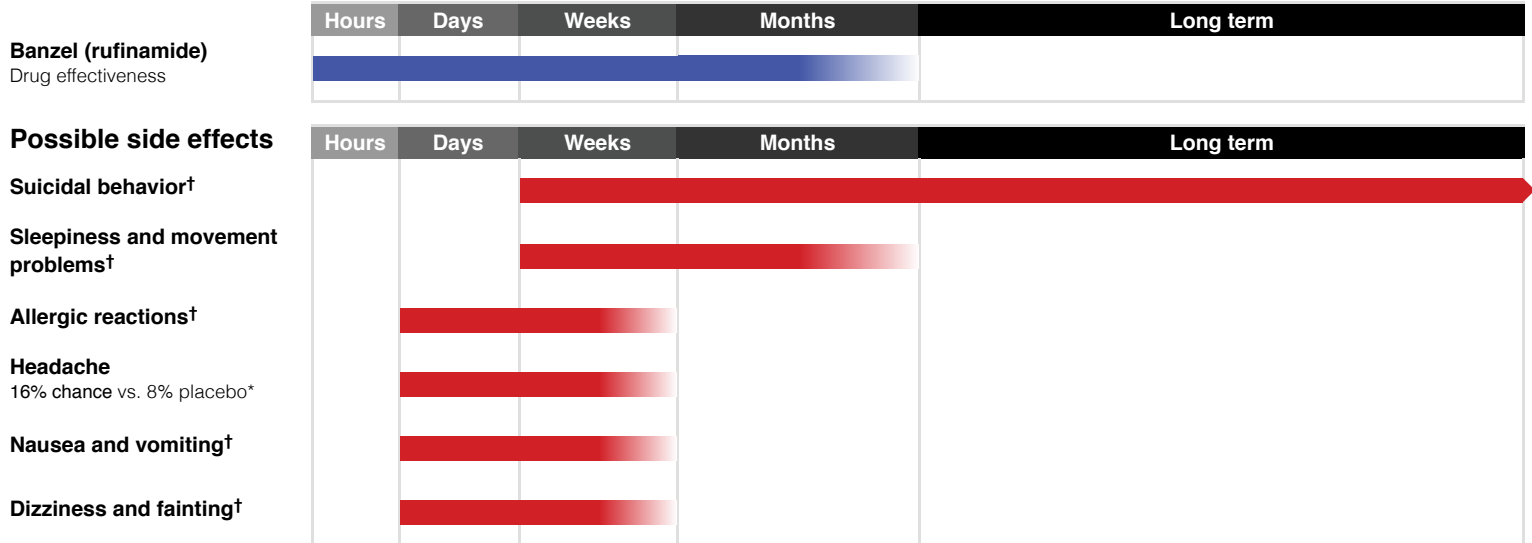


# Banzel (rufinamide) basics

**Added to other medicines to control seizures caused by Lennox-Gastaut syndrome.** Banzel (rufinamide) is safe for children as young as 1 year old to control seizures caused by Lennox-Gastaut syndrome, but it cannot be taken by itself.

## 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

- Take Banzel (rufinamide) with food so that your body absorbs it well.
- Let your doctor or pharmacist know if you suddenly develop a rash while taking Banzel (rufinamide)
- Don't drive or do anything that requires concentration when taking Banzel (rufinamide) until you know how it affects you.
- Closely follow your doctor's instructions on how much and when to take Banzel (rufinamide).
- Banzel (rufinamide) can affect how your birth control medicine works. You may have to switch birth control methods.

## Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

### Suicidal behavior

Banzel (rufinamide), like other medicines used to control seizures, can increase the risk of suicide. If your mood worsens and you want to hurt yourself after you start taking Banzel (rufinamide), talk to your doctor right away.

### Sleepiness and movement problems

Banzel (rufinamide) can make you feel sleepy or cause changes in your movement. Don't drive or do anything that requires concentration until you know how your body reacts to Banzel (rufinamide). If these changes bother you, talk to your doctor.

### Heart problems

If your family has a rare heart condition called familial short QT syndrome, you shouldn't take Banzel (rufinamide) since this can affect your heartbeat. Talk to your doctor if you've had problems with your heartbeat.