

Bumex (bumetanide) basics

Lowers blood pressure. Bumex (bumetanide) is very good in lowering blood pressure. However, it can make you dehydrated and lower your blood pressure too much.

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
Bumex (bumetanide) Drug effectiveness					
Possible side effects	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
Frequent urination†					
Muscle cramps†					
Dizziness†					
Headache†					
Low potassium 15% chance					
High uric acid in blood 18% chance					

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Because Bumex (bumetanide) makes you urinate more often, avoid taking it close to bedtime.
- Bumex (bumetanide) can make you dizzy. If you are sitting down, stand up slowly.
- Check your blood pressure regularly.
- You can take Bumex (bumetanide) with or without food.

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.

Dehydration and loss of salts in the blood

Bumex (bumetanide) causes you to urinate more often. This can lead to dehydration and loss of salts from the blood, which can cause low blood pressure, muscle cramps, dizziness and sometimes gout. Your doctor and pharmacist will tell you how to take Bumex (bumetanide) to lower your risk. You should also drink plenty of water and eat a healthy diet.

Severe allergic reactions

If you are allergic to sulfa-containing medicines, talk to your doctor before starting Bumex (bumetanide). You can get an allergic reaction from this medicine. Go to the emergency room right away if you suddenly have problems breathing or a very bad skin rash with fever.

Hearing problems

Some people taking Bumex (bumetanide) have had ringing in the ears or trouble hearing. However, this is very rare and more likely to happen if you're taking this in a hospital. Talk to your doctor if you have any of the listed risk factors.