

# Bupap (butalbital / acetaminophen) basics

**Treats tension or muscle contraction headaches.** Bupap (butalbital / acetaminophen) works well for tension or muscle contraction headaches, but isn't the best option as it can be addictive.

## 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
<b>Bupap (butalbital / acetaminophen)</b> Drug effectiveness	[Blue gradient bar]				
<b>Possible side effects<sup>†</sup></b>	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
<b>Nausea</b>	[Red gradient bar]				
<b>Vomiting</b>	[Red gradient bar]				
<b>Stomach pain</b>	[Red gradient bar]				
<b>Intoxicated feeling</b>	[Red gradient bar]				
<b>Drowsiness</b>	[Red gradient bar]				
<b>Lightheadedness</b>	[Red gradient bar]				

<sup>†</sup> Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

## Tips from pharmacists

- Can make you sleepy. Be careful driving or doing other activities that require concentration until you know how Bupap (butalbital / acetaminophen) affects you.
- To lower the chance of dizziness, take your time getting up slowly when taking Bupap (butalbital / acetaminophen).
- While taking Bupap (butalbital / acetaminophen), don't drink alcohol or take other drugs that slow your body down.
- Don't take other forms of acetaminophen (Tylenol) while taking Bupap (butalbital / acetaminophen), since taking too much can lead to liver problems.

## 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.

### Liver toxicity

Bupap (butalbital / acetaminophen) contains acetaminophen (Tylenol). Taking too much acetaminophen can cause permanent and life-threatening liver damage. Using more than 4000 mg of acetaminophen can cause serious harm to your liver, so be sure not to take more than the recommended dose of Bupap (butalbital / acetaminophen) or other medications that contain acetaminophen.

### Severe allergic reaction

Bupap (butalbital / acetaminophen) can cause severe allergic reaction which includes signs like skin rash, hives, swelling of the face, mouth, and throat, difficulty breathing, and wanting to pass out. Go to the emergency room right away if you can't breathe or feel like you will faint after taking Bupap (butalbital / acetaminophen).

### Driving impairment

Bupap (butalbital / acetaminophen) affects your ability to focus, think, and react. Be careful and avoid activities that require you to be alert, such as driving a car or operating machinery, until you know how this medication affects you.