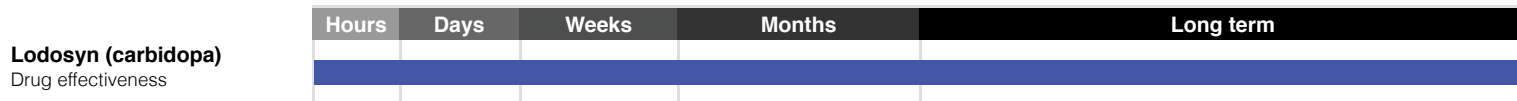


Lodosyn (carbidopa) basics

Treats Parkinson's disease when given with levodopa. Lodosyn (carbidopa) enhances the effect of levodopa. It cannot relieve symptoms of Parkinson's disease when 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.



Tips from pharmacists

- Lodosyn (carbidopa) can make you very sleepy. Don't drive or do anything that requires concentration until you know how your body reacts to it.
- Your saliva, sweat and urine may have dark color and stain your clothing while taking Lodosyn (carbidopa).
- Take Lodosyn (carbidopa) 30-60 minutes before a meal so that your body can properly absorb it. Don't eat too much high protein foods (meat, milk, cheese or nuts) because doing so can prevent it from getting absorbed into your body.
- Lodosyn (carbidopa) doesn't work when taken by itself. Don't stop taking your other medicines for Parkinson's disease.
- Lodosyn (carbidopa) may cause unusual cravings in some people.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Take with levodopa

Lodosyn (carbidopa) will not work by itself to relieve symptoms of Parkinson's disease. This has to be taken with levodopa.