

# Carisoprodol / Aspirin basics

**Relieves pain by relaxing your muscles.** While Carisoprodol / Aspirin is used to treat muscle spasms and pain, it's not a first-choice treatment or for use for more than 2 weeks because it's very 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>Carisoprodol / Aspirin</b> Drug effectiveness					
<b>Possible side effects†</b>					
<b>Drowsiness</b>					
<b>Headache</b>					
<b>Addiction and withdrawal effects</b>					

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

## Tips from pharmacists

- Take the medication at the same time each day.
- Carisoprodol / Aspirin is not meant to be used long-term. It should be used for only 2 to 3 weeks maximum.
- Don't drink alcohol while on this medication.
- Carisoprodol / Aspirin contains aspirin. Use with caution if you are on a blood thinner.
- Stop taking Carisoprodol / Aspirin 1-2 weeks before surgery to lower your risk of excessive bleeding.
- Can cause dizziness, fatigue, stomach pain, nausea, and vomiting.

## Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

### Sleepiness and dizziness

Taking Carisoprodol / Aspirin can make you feel sleepy and dizzy, especially if you're taking other medications that can also make you feel sleepy, taking recreational drugs, or drinking too much alcohol. Don't drive or do other tasks that require concentration until you know how this medication affects you. Get up very slowly if you've been sitting or lying down for a while.

### Addiction and withdrawal

You should only take Carisoprodol / Aspirin exactly as your doctor tells you and for as short a time as possible because Carisoprodol / Aspirin can cause addiction if you've been taking large amounts for a long time. This has been rare and happens more likely in people who have had a history of drug abuse. Withdrawal symptoms can happen if you've taken Carisoprodol / Aspirin for a long time and stop it suddenly. If you're worried about this, talk to your doctor to see if you should take another medicine.

### Seizures

There have been reports of seizures in people taking Carisoprodol / Aspirin. However, this has been rare and most of these cases were in people who were overdosing on multiple other medications, recreational drugs, or alcohol. Go to the emergency room right away if this happens.