

# Clomid (clomiphene) basics

**Helps women to ovulate and get pregnant.** Clomid (clomiphene) works well for women who cannot get pregnant because they are not ovulating.

## 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>Clomid (clomiphene)</b> Drug effectiveness					
<b>Possible side effects</b>					
<b>Ovarian enlargement</b> 14% chance					
<b>Hot flashes</b> 10% chance					
<b>Stomach/pelvic bloating or discomfort</b> 6% chance					
<b>Nausea and vomiting</b> 2% chance					
<b>Breast discomfort</b> 2% chance					
<b>Vision changes or blurring</b> 2% chance					

## Tips from pharmacists

- Take Clomid (clomiphene) exactly as your doctor ordered. Timing of the doses is very important for its success.
- Have sex when you ovulate, which happens 5 to 10 days after taking Clomid (clomiphene).
- Can harm the fetus so talk to your doctor to find out if you need to stop taking it because you've become pregnant.
- Shouldn't be used for very long. Talk to your doctor if you've used this medicine 3 times with no success or if you didn't get your menstrual period after using it.
- Can cause you to have twins, triplets, etc. Talk to your partner about this possibility before using this medicine.

## 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.

### Low blood pressure due to drug interactions

Taking certain medicines, herbal remedies, or food products can cause your blood pressure to drop to dangerous levels while taking Clomid (clomiphene). This can cause you to pass out. Common items include grapefruit juice, codeine, and some contraceptives. Your doctor might have to change your medicines if you want to take Clomid (clomiphene). Please talk with your local pharmacist for a complete list of medications, supplements, and foods to avoid.

### Liver problems

Clomid (clomiphene) can't be taken by women with liver problems. Tell your doctor before taking Clomid (clomiphene) if you have ever had any problems with your liver. Your doctor may choose a different medicine for you.

### Unusual uterine bleeding

Talk to your doctor if you're having unusual vaginal bleeding. Clomid (clomiphene) may not be right for you.