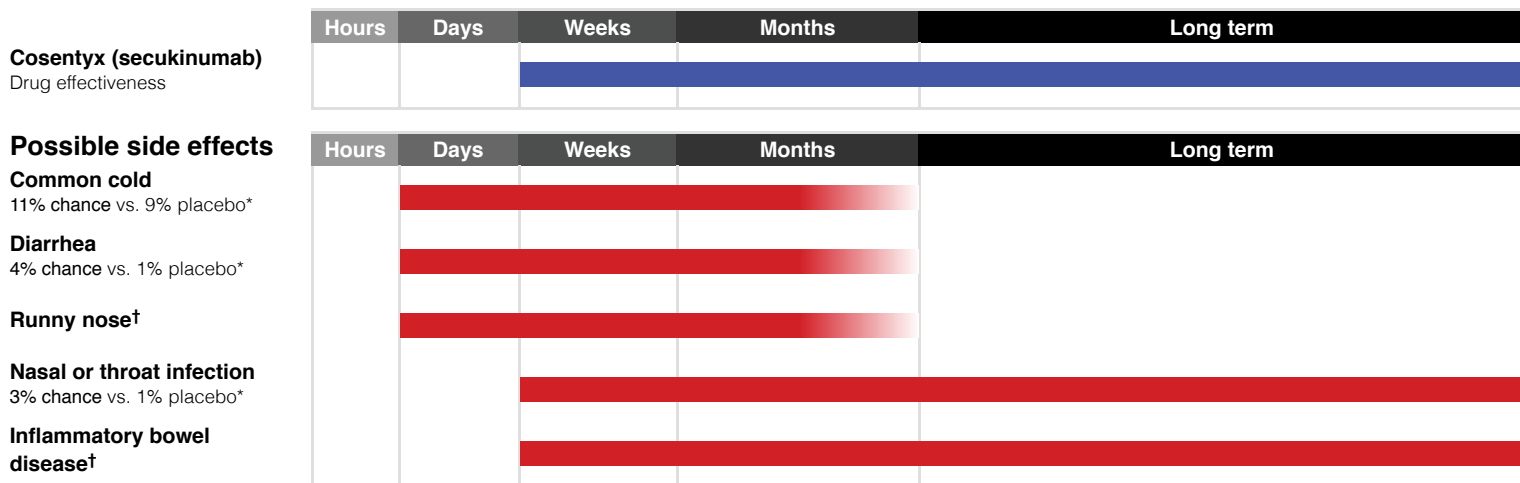


# Cosentyx (secukinumab) basics

**Reduces your body's overactive immune response.** Cosentyx (secukinumab) works well if the oral or topical medicines have not worked to control your disease, but is very expensive and increases your risk for an infection.

## What to expect when starting

Here's when people typically experience benefits as well as some possible side effects. Your experience may be different.



\* Placebo is a sugar pill with no medicinal benefit.

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

## Tips from pharmacists

- You should perform your first injection with the assistance of a healthcare provider to ensure proper administration.
- You shouldn't inject Cosentyx (secukinumab) in an area of skin that is tender, bruised, red, hard, or in an area affected by psoriasis. Rotate the site of injection with each administration to avoid any irritation.
- Don't use the 2-inch area around your belly button to inject.
- Avoid live vaccines while on Cosentyx (secukinumab). Talk to your doctor before receiving any vaccines.
- Talk to your doctor if you develop signs of an infection such as stuffy nose, cough that doesn't go away, fever, or chills.
- Store Cosentyx (secukinumab) in a refrigerator.

## Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

### Increased risk for infections

Cosentyx (secukinumab) can increase your risk of infection. Practice good hand hygiene and avoid close contact with those who are sick. Talk to your doctor if you experience a stuffy nose or cough that doesn't go away, fever, or chills.

### Worsening of inflammatory bowel disease

In some cases, Cosentyx (secukinumab) can worsen symptoms of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). Talk with your doctor if you have IBD or start to develop stomach pain, bloody stools, consistent diarrhea or constipation, or sudden weight loss while taking Cosentyx (secukinumab).

### Serious allergic reactions

Rarely, Cosentyx (secukinumab) can cause serious allergic reactions. If you have hives, itching, trouble breathing, or lip, tongue, or throat swelling, call your doctor right away and get emergency care. You might need to stop taking Cosentyx (secukinumab).