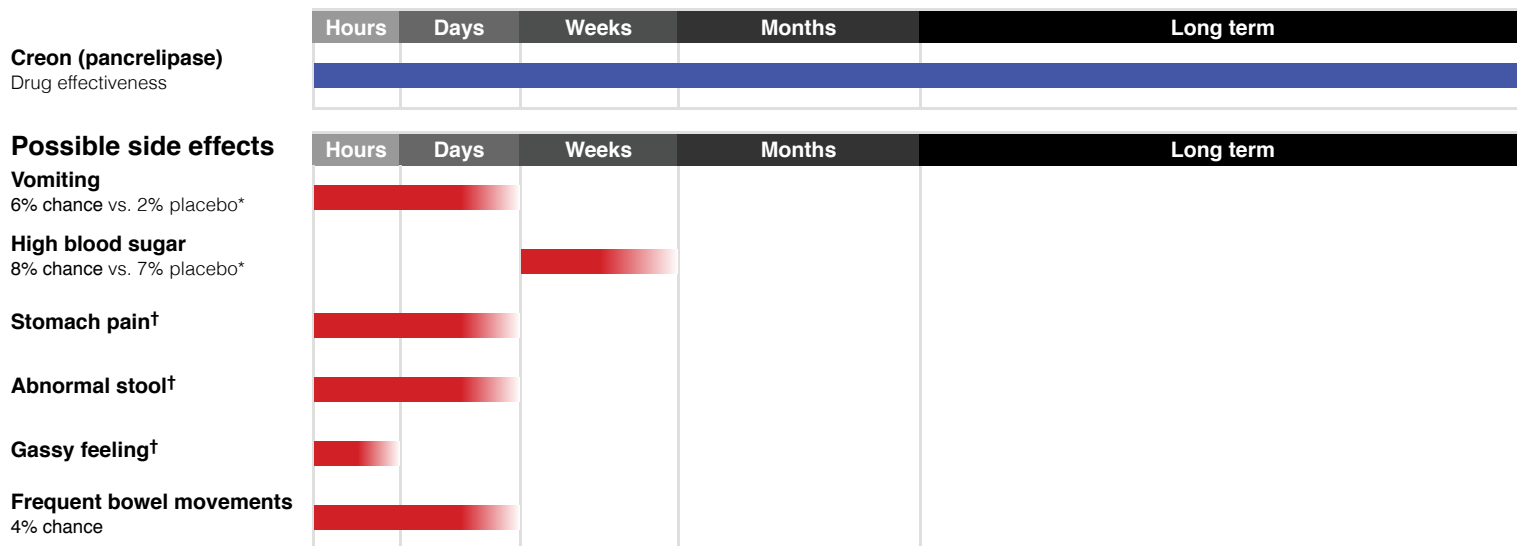


Creon (pancrelipase) basics

Helps break down food. Creon (pancrelipase) works well breaking down food when your pancreas isn't working well, but you'll need to work with your doctor to find a dose that works best for you.

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

- Creon (pancrelipase) should be taken with every meal and snack.
- Drink enough water or juice after taking Creon (pancrelipase) to make sure you swallow the capsules completely.
- If you miss a dose, skip it and continue with your normal number of capsules at your next meal or snack. You don't need to make up for missed doses.
- Keep track of what you're eating and how you feel when you take Creon (pancrelipase). This can help your doctor assess if your dose needs to be changed.
- A certain version of Creon (pancrelipase) can contain lactose, so let your doctor and pharmacist know if you're lactose intolerant.
- Some forms of Creon (pancrelipase) can be sprinkled on foods like applesauce, so check with your pharmacist for more information.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Scarring of the colon (fibrosing colonopathy)

Creon (pancrelipase) can sometimes cause serious scarring of the colon, especially when used in high doses or for a long time. You should take Creon (pancrelipase) only as directed, and not more than or longer than your doctor recommends.

Mouth irritation

Creon (pancrelipase) can cause mouth irritation. It's important that you swallow Creon (pancrelipase) whole. Don't chew, crush, or hold it in your mouth. Swallow it right away and drink some water or juice with it to make sure nothing stays in your mouth. You can also sprinkle the contents of the capsule on apple sauce.

High uric acid levels

Creon (pancrelipase) can raise your uric acid levels. Talk to your doctor if you have gout, kidney problems, or high uric acid levels.