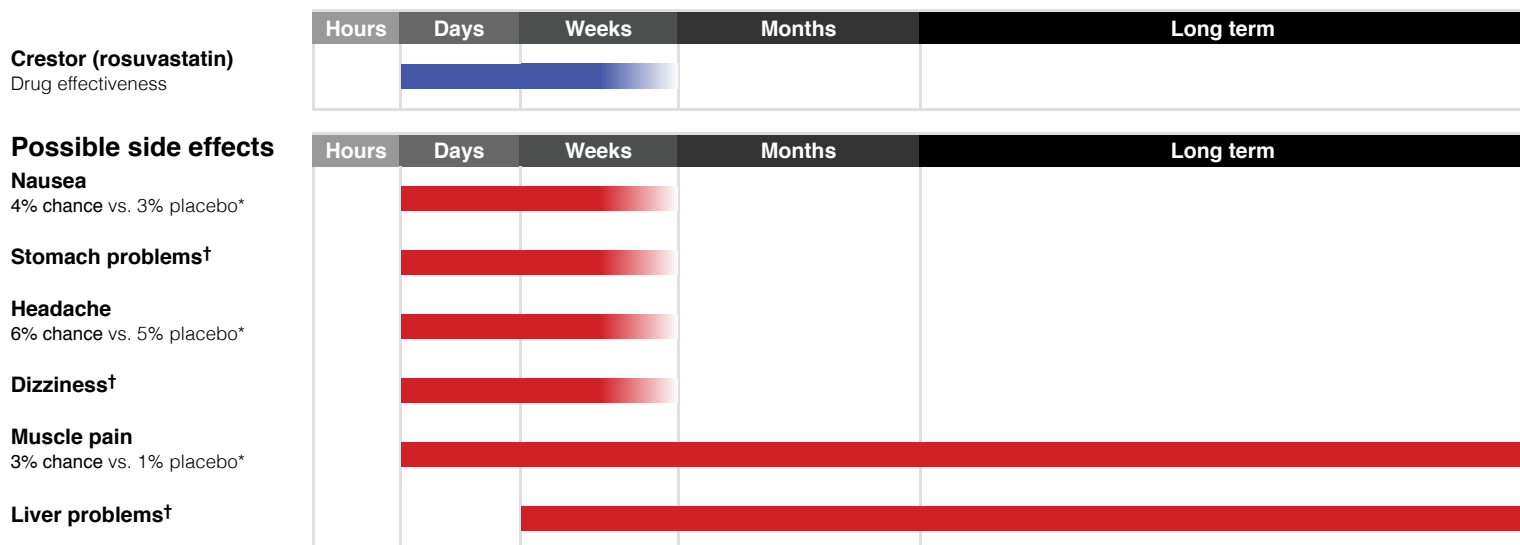


Crestor (rosuvastatin) basics

Lowers cholesterol. Crestor (rosuvastatin) is one of the most effective statins to improve cholesterol. It's also available as a generic.

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

- Lowers bad cholesterol and triglycerides, and raises good cholesterol levels.
- Don't have more than 2 glasses of alcohol a day since Crestor (rosuvastatin) can cause liver damage.
- Don't take antacids for at least 2 hours before and after taking Crestor (rosuvastatin).
- Call your doctor if you have sudden muscle pain, fever, or weakness.
- Let your doctor know if you have dark urine or a yellow color in your eyes or skin.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Elevated INR

Taking higher doses of Crestor (rosuvastatin) (40 mg) can cause higher INR levels in people who are also taking Coumadin (warfarin). Let your doctor know if you are on Coumadin (warfarin), and watch for any new signs or symptoms of bleeding.

Muscle pain

People on Crestor (rosuvastatin) have reported muscle pain which can lead to muscle or kidney damage. This is more likely to happen if you're older and if you're taking higher doses of Crestor (rosuvastatin). If you suddenly feel severe muscle pain or weakness and you haven't been exercising, stop taking Crestor (rosuvastatin) and talk to your doctor right away.

Increased blood sugars

Crestor (rosuvastatin) can raise your blood sugar levels. If you have diabetes, your doctor may have you check your blood sugar more often.