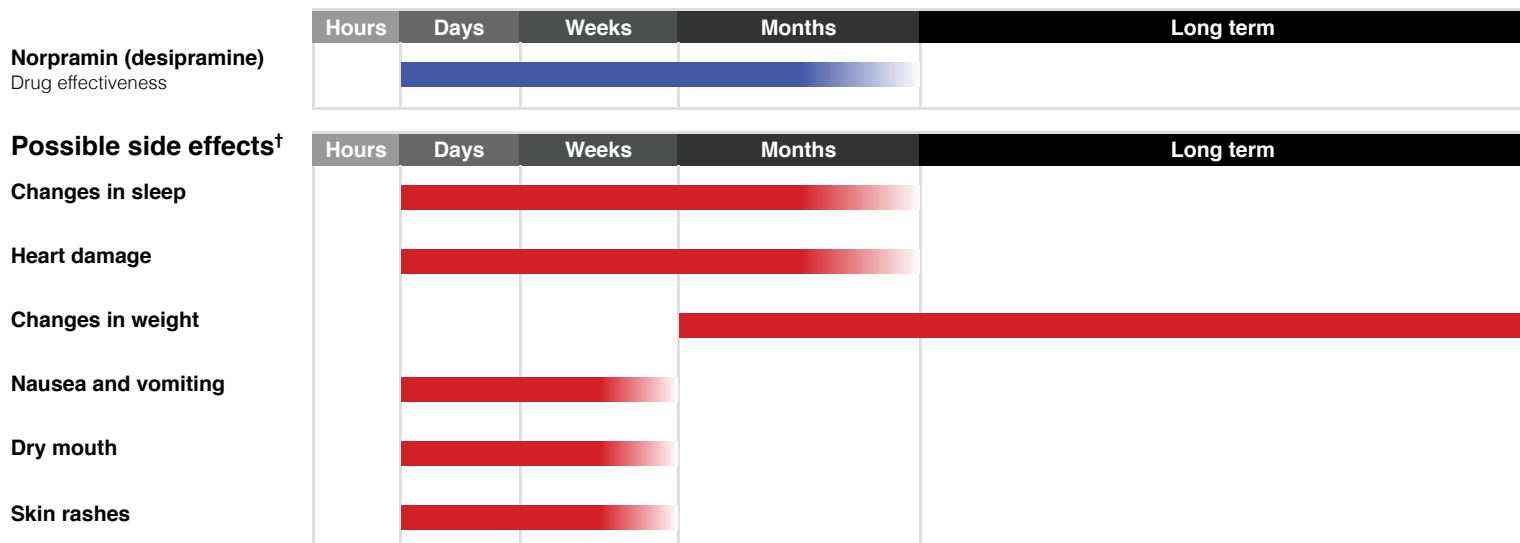


# Norpramin (desipramine) basics

**Stabilizes your mood.** Norpramin (desipramine) is not a first choice for treating depression because of its effects on the heart, but it can be good if other medicines haven't worked.

## What to expect when starting

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



† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

## Tips from pharmacists

- Don't drive or do anything requiring concentration until you know how Norpramin (desipramine) affects you since it can make you feel sleepy.
- Talk to your doctor right away if your mood suddenly darkens and you want to hurt yourself while taking Norpramin (desipramine).
- If you're being switched to Norpramin (desipramine) from monoamine oxidase inhibitors, you'll need to wait 2 weeks before you can start it.
- Don't stop taking Norpramin (desipramine) suddenly without talking to your doctor first.

## 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.

### Higher risk of suicide

Taking Norpramin (desipramine) can make you more likely to harm yourself or commit suicide, especially if you are younger and during the first few weeks of taking it. If you or your child feel like they want to hurt themselves while taking Norpramin (desipramine), call the doctor right away.

### Possible bipolar disorder

Sometimes depression can be the first sign of a bipolar disorder, and taking medicines like Norpramin (desipramine) might start a bipolar episode. Talk to your doctor right away if you or your loved ones notice unusual changes in your behavior.

### Serotonin syndrome

Taking Norpramin (desipramine) can lead to serotonin syndrome. Symptoms can include high fever, sudden changes in thought, mood and movement, or high blood pressure. You're more likely to have this if you're taking other certain medicines. Talk to your doctor if you have questions or go to the emergency room right away if your symptoms are severe.