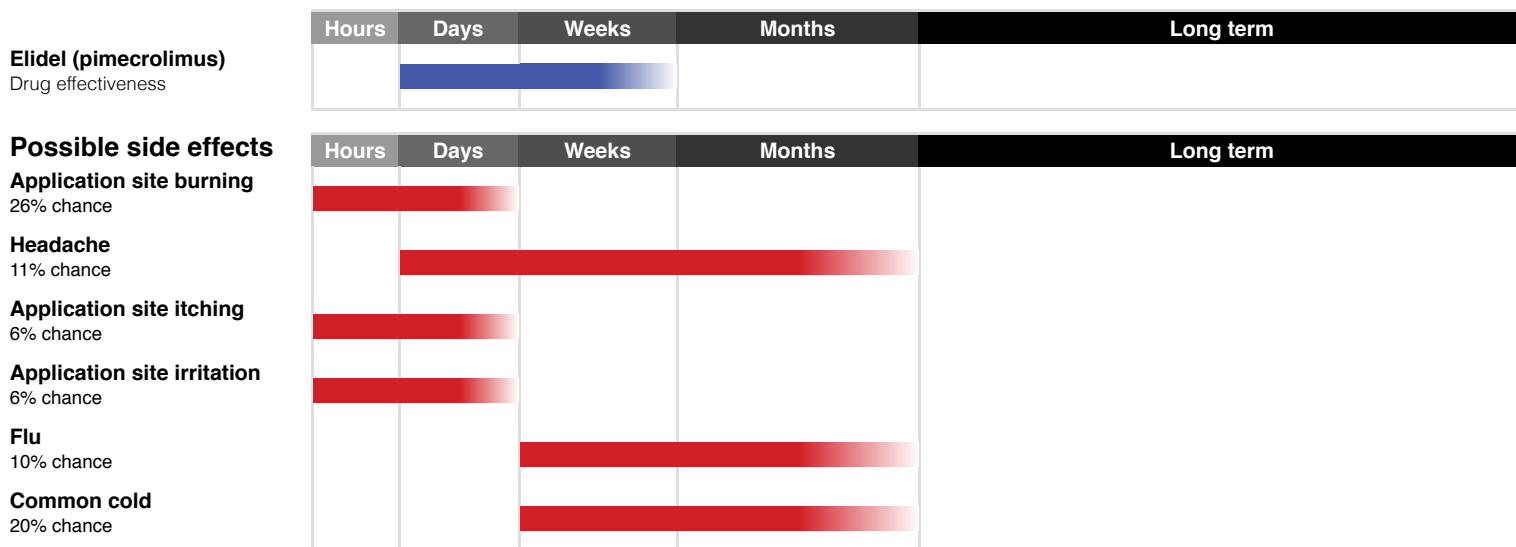


# Elidel (pimecrolimus) basics

**Treats eczema.** Elidel (pimecrolimus) is good for treating eczema if other options haven't helped, but its long-term effects on the body are not well-known.

## What to expect when starting

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



## Tips from pharmacists

- Before using Elidel (pimecrolimus), let your doctor know if you have areas of skin cancer or pre-cancers.
- Let your doctor know if burning, stinging, itching, or any other skin irritation is bothersome or does not go away within the first week of using Elidel (pimecrolimus).
- Avoid contact with water (showering, swimming) right after applying Elidel (pimecrolimus).
- Clean the affected area and dry well before applying Elidel (pimecrolimus).
- Using moisturizers to keep your skin hydrated is very important in relieving eczema.
- If you do not feel better after using Elidel (pimecrolimus) for 6 weeks, speak to your doctor.

## 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.

<b>Cancer</b> There is rare chance that Elidel (pimecrolimus) can cause skin and lymphoma cancer. You can help prevent this by using Elidel (pimecrolimus) as directed, not more frequently or longer than prescribed by your doctor. Try to keep Elidel (pimecrolimus) only on the treatment areas and away from healthy skin.	<b>Not for young children</b> Elidel (pimecrolimus) should not be used in children less than 2 years old.	<b>Not for long-term use</b> It is unknown how Elidel (pimecrolimus) affects the body longterm. Your doctor will have to use Elidel (pimecrolimus) for the shortest amount of time needed to treat. Do not use Elidel (pimecrolimus) for more than or longer than directed. Avoid applying on areas of healthy skin.
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