

Emend (aprepitant) basics

Stops nausea and vomiting caused by chemotherapy and surgery. Emend (aprepitant) is used with other medicines to stop nausea and vomiting that can happen after chemotherapy and surgery.

What to expect when starting

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

	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
Emend (aprepitant) Drug effectiveness	[Blue bar from Hours to Days]				
Possible side effects†	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
Feeling tired	[Red bar from Hours to Weeks]				
Hiccups	[Red bar from Hours to Weeks]				
Lowering the effects hormone based birth control	[Red bar from Hours to Months]				

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- You should start taking Emend (aprepitant) an hour before chemotherapy on Day 1 of your regimen. If you do not have chemo on Days 2 and 3, take it in the morning. It can be taken with or without food.
- Emend (aprepitant) reduces the efficacy of hormone based birth control like the pill or ring, so it's important to use a barrier method like condoms while you are taking the medication and for at least 1 month after your last dose.
- Do not take Emend (aprepitant) if you are also taking pimozide (Orap).
- If you are taking the liquid form at home, store it in the refrigerator. You can leave it out at room temperature for up to three hours before you are ready to take it. Discard any remaining solution after two days.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Drug Interactions

Emend (aprepitant) interacts with many other medicines. Be sure to tell your doctor about all of the medications you're taking. Some of your medications may need to be changed or you might need to be monitored more closely for side effects.

Decreased INR when used with warfarin (Coumadin)

Emend (aprepitant) can lower the effects of warfarin and how well it thins your blood. Be sure to get your INR checked while taking Emend (aprepitant) because your warfarin dose may have to be changed.

Risk of reduced efficacy of hormone based birth control

Emend (aprepitant) lowers how well hormone-based birth control like the pill or ring works. Be sure to use backup methods like condoms while you are taking Emend (aprepitant) and up to 1 month after your last dose.