

# Emverm (mebendazole) basics

**Treats infections caused by worms.** Emverm (mebendazole) effectively treats various worm infections, but may require blood work if taken for a long time.

## 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
<b>Emverm (mebendazole)</b> Drug effectiveness	[Blue gradient bar from Hours to Weeks]				
<b>Possible side effects<sup>†</sup></b>	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
<b>Abdominal pain</b>	[Red gradient bar from Hours to Days]				
<b>Diarrhea</b>	[Red gradient bar from Hours to Days]				
<b>Rash</b>	[Red gradient bar from Hours to Days]				
<b>Itching</b>	[Red gradient bar from Hours to Days]				
<b>Face swelling</b>		[Red gradient bar from Days to Weeks]			
<b>Elevated liver tests</b>		[Red gradient bar from Days to Weeks]			

<sup>†</sup> Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

## Tips from pharmacists

- Take with or without food. The tablet may be chewed, swallowed, or crushed and mixed with food.
- Use birth control that you can trust to prevent pregnancy while taking this drug.
- Have your blood work checked if you are on this drug for a long time.
- Take a missed dose as soon as you think about it. Do not take 2 doses at the same time or extra doses.
- Store at room temperature in a dry place.
- Speak with your doctor or pharmacist about how to prevent infection of others and reinfection.

## Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

### Bone marrow suppression

Emverm (mebendazole) may stop your bone marrow from making some of the cells that your body needs for fighting infections. This may increase your chance of getting an infection, bleeding problems, or anemia. Tell your doctor right away about any fever, sore throat, signs of infection, bleeding, shortness of breath, or feeling tired.

### Tapeworm infection

There is no evidence that Emverm (mebendazole), even at high doses, is effective for tapeworm treatment.

### Fetal harm

Emverm (mebendazole) may cause harm to the unborn baby if you take it while you are pregnant. If you are pregnant or you get pregnant while taking this drug, call your doctor right away.