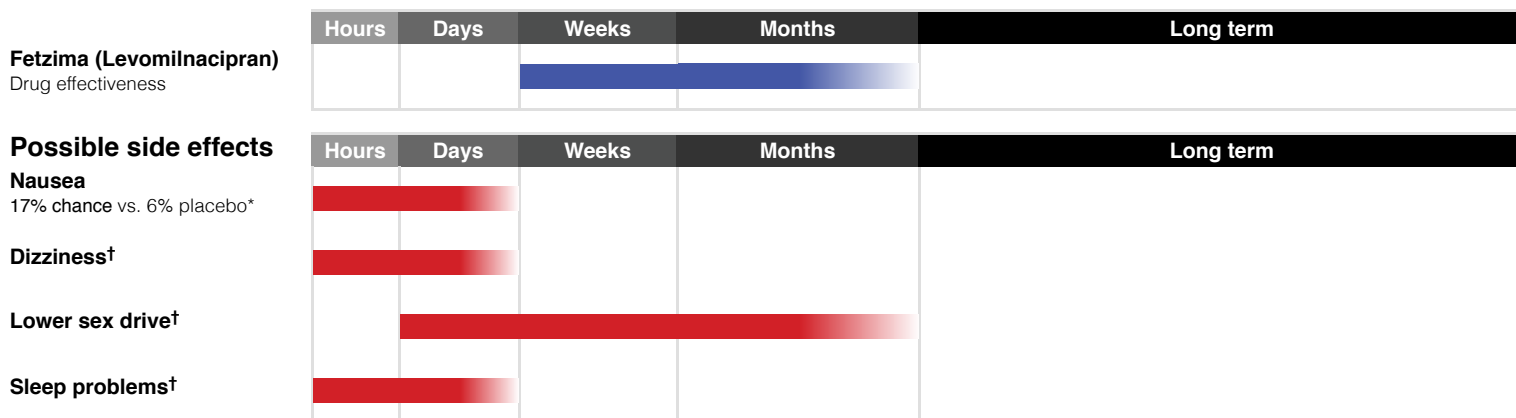


# Fetzima (Levomilnacipran) basics

**Helps improve your mood.** Fetzima (Levomilnacipran) may be effective in treating depression. It can be expensive because it's only available as a brand name.

## 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

- It can take several weeks before you feel the full effect of Fetzima (Levomilnacipran).
- May increase your blood pressure.
- Fetzima (Levomilnacipran) can make you more likely to bleed.
- Don't drink alcohol while taking Fetzima (Levomilnacipran) since it can speed up how quickly Fetzima (Levomilnacipran) gets into your body.
- Take Fetzima (Levomilnacipran) with food if it causes stomach upset.

## 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.

### Suicidal thoughts or behavior

Like with other antidepressants, Fetzima (Levomilnacipran) might increase the risk of suicidal thoughts or behavior during the first few weeks of starting Fetzima (Levomilnacipran). Go to the emergency room or talk to your doctor right away if your mood suddenly darkens or you want to hurt yourself.

### Serotonin syndrome

Serotonin syndrome is a rare but potentially life-threatening condition caused when there's too much serotonin active in the brain. This is more likely if you're also taking other medicines that affect serotonin (other antidepressants, lithium, triptans, St. John's wort). Symptoms include fast heart rate, sweating, muscle stiffness or spasms, fever, and confusion. Go to the emergency room right away if you have symptoms.

### Withdrawal

Stopping Fetzima (Levomilnacipran) suddenly might cause dangerous withdrawal symptoms. Talk to your doctor first if you're interested in stopping the medicine, and they'll work with you to stop it safely.