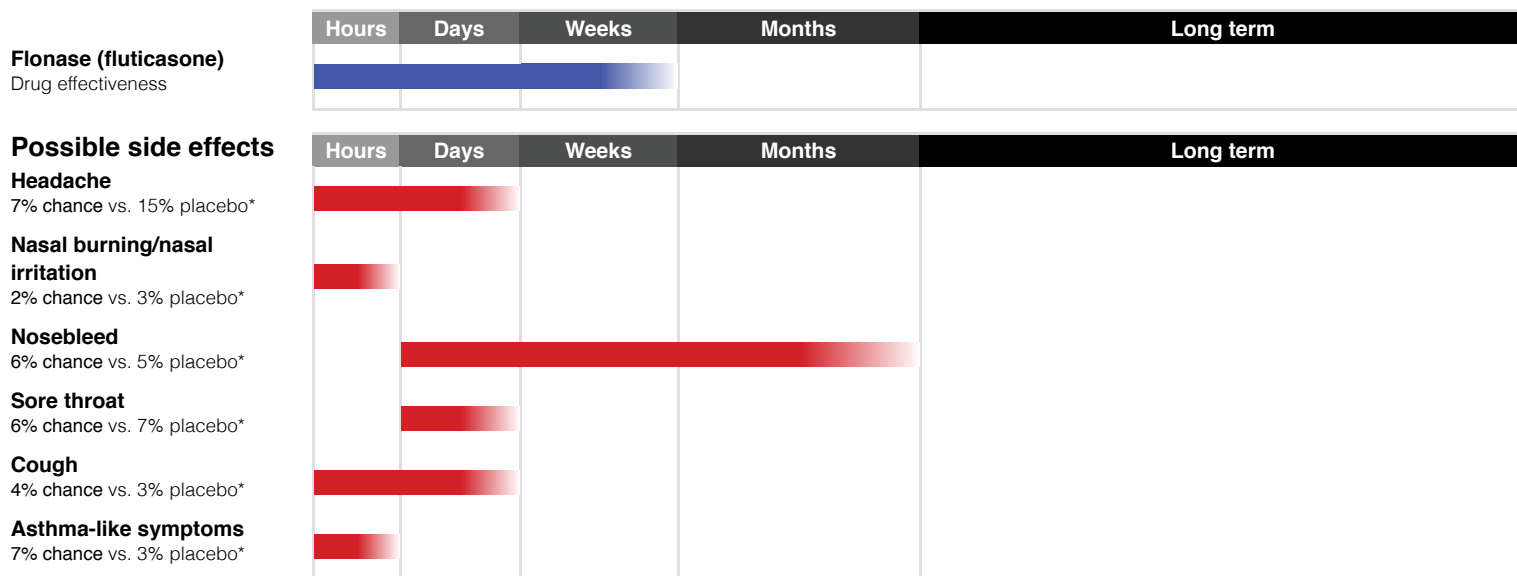


Flonase (fluticasone) basics

Relieves nasal allergy symptoms. Flonase (fluticasone) is a good first-choice treatment for allergies of the nose, but long-term use can increase the risk of nosebleeds.

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.

Tips from pharmacists

- Flonase (fluticasone) can take a few days to fully kick in.
- Might cause temporary stinging in the nose or sneezing.
- Shake the bottle gently before spraying into your nose each time. Don't share the bottle with anyone else so that you don't spread germs.
- Don't continue to use Flonase (fluticasone) if your symptoms don't get better within 7 days of starting it, or if you get new symptoms like thick mucus or facial pain.
- Prime Flonase (fluticasone) before using for the first time or if it hasn't been used for 7 days or longer, by spraying 6 times into the air away from the face.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Decreased growth rate in children

Flonase (fluticasone) can cause slowing of growth in children, especially if the medicine is used for a long period of time. Use Flonase (fluticasone) for the lowest effective dose, for the shortest period of time in children. Also, most formulations of the medicine are not safe or effective in children under the age of 4. Flonase Sensimist can be an option for children age 2 or older.

Effect on wound healing

Flonase (fluticasone) can slow down the rate of wound healing in those who have an injury or recent surgery in their nose. The use of this medicine is not recommended until the wound has completely healed.

Lowered ability to fight off infections

Flonase (fluticasone) can lower the ability of your body to fight off infections. While on this medicine, if you come into contact with someone who has chickenpox, measles, or tuberculosis, stop using it and talk to your doctor. You are at a higher risk of getting sick from these types of conditions especially if you have not gotten vaccines for them.