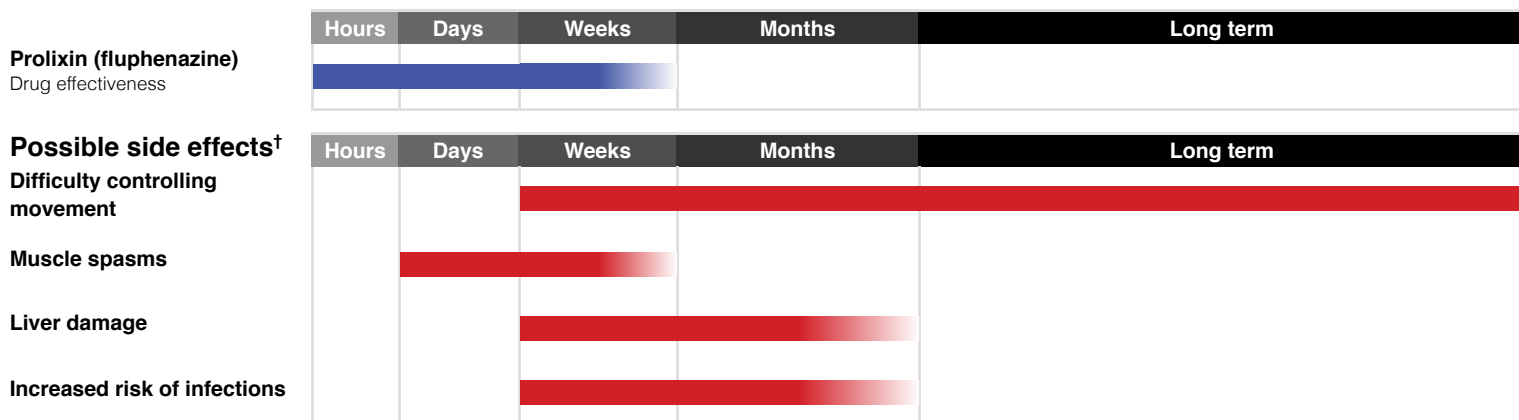


**Treats schizophrenia and psychosis.** Prolixin (fluphenazine) can stabilize your mood. It is used to find the right dose for you before moving to a long-acting injection.

## What to expect when starting

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



† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

## Tips from pharmacists

- Can make you more sensitive to the sun. Wear sunscreen or protective clothing while outside.
- Can make it difficult for you to start and stop your movements. Talk to your doctor right away if this happens.
- Don't combine with alcohol or narcotics since it can stop your breathing.
- Don't stop taking Prolixin (fluphenazine) suddenly. It can be dangerous.
- Can make you very sleepy or dizzy. Don't drive or do anything that requires concentration until you know how it affects you.
- Mix the concentrated form with at least 1/4 cup of fluids. Don't mix with caffeine, tea, or apple juice since it affects the absorption of Prolixin (fluphenazine).

## 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.

### Increased risk of death

Older people with dementia and psychosis have a higher risk of death if they take antipsychotic medicines like Prolixin (fluphenazine). They shouldn't be given this medicine.

### Difficulty controlling movements

Prolixin (fluphenazine) may make it more difficult to control your movements, especially if you've been on it for a while. This can become permanent. Call your doctor right away if this happens.

### Neuroleptic malignant syndrome

Antipsychotic medications like Prolixin (fluphenazine) can cause neuroleptic malignant syndrome which is rare but life-threatening. Symptoms include a very high fever, sweating, stiff muscles, and a fast or irregular heartbeat. Call your doctor or 911 right away.