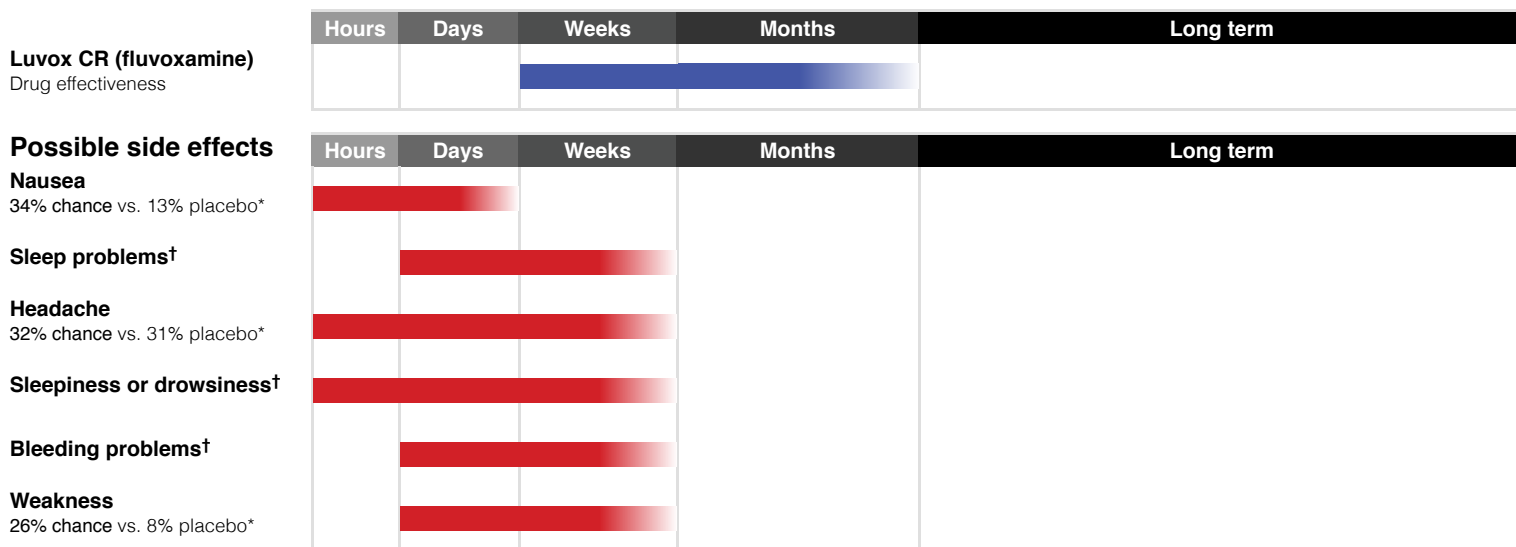


Luvox CR (fluvoxamine) basics

Treats obsessive-compulsive disorder. Luvox CR (fluvoxamine) is a first choice treatment for obsessive-compulsive disorder, but it can lower your sex drive.

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

- If you've taken Luvox CR (fluvoxamine) for an extended amount of time, don't stop taking it suddenly without talking to your doctor first. It can be very dangerous.
- Don't drive or do anything requiring concentration while taking Luvox CR (fluvoxamine) since it can make you sleepy. This can be worse if you drink alcohol or take narcotics.
- You might not notice changes in how you feel until you've taken Luvox CR (fluvoxamine) for at least a few weeks.
- If you forget your regular dose of Luvox CR (fluvoxamine), take it as soon as you remember. However, don't double up if it's already time for your next dose.
- When you first start taking the immediate release version of Luvox CR (fluvoxamine), take it at night since it can make you sleepy. The extended version should always be taken at night.

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 suicide

Taking Luvox CR (fluvoxamine) can make you more likely to harm yourself or commit suicide, especially if you are younger and during the first few weeks of taking the medicine. If you or your child feel like they want to hurt themselves while taking Luvox CR (fluvoxamine), call the doctor right away.

Possible bipolar disorder

Sometimes depression can be the first sign of a bipolar disorder, and taking medicines like Luvox CR (fluvoxamine) might start a bipolar episode. Talk to your doctor right away if you or your loved ones notice unusual changes in your behavior.

Withdrawal symptoms

If you've been taking Luvox CR (fluvoxamine) for a while and want to stop taking it, talk to your doctor, since stopping it suddenly can be very dangerous. Your doctor will tell you how to stop taking it gradually so this won't happen.