

# Frova (frovatriptan) basics

**Treats migraine headaches.** Triptans are the first-choice to treat migraines. Frova (frovatriptan) works just as well as other triptans for migraines, but doesn't work for other types of headaches like cluster headaches.

## 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>Frova (frovatriptan)</b> Drug effectiveness					
<b>Possible side effects†</b>					
<b>Heart attack and stroke</b>					
<b>Medication overuse headache</b>					
<b>Serotonin syndrome</b>					
<b>Increased blood pressure</b>					

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

## Tips from pharmacists

- Doesn't prevent migraines.
- Use as soon as you feel a migraine starting. You can take another dose 2 hours later, but don't take more than 3 tablets in 24 hours.
- Don't use it excessively since it can cause you to have more headaches. Talk to your doctor if you are having more than 4 migraines in a month.
- Frova (frovatriptan) can make you dizzy or sleepy. Don't drive or do anything that requires concentration until you know how your body reacts to it.
- Frova (frovatriptan) can cause nausea or tightness in the chest or throat. Talk to your doctor if it bothers you.

## Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

### Heart attack

People who have heart disease or chest pain shouldn't take Frova (frovatriptan) since it can increase the risk for heart attacks. Talk to your doctor first to see if you can take Frova (frovatriptan).

### Stroke

Don't take Frova (frovatriptan) if you've had a stroke before. Symptoms of a stroke can be similar to a migraine, so talk to your doctor right away, especially if you've never had a migraine.

### Medication overuse headache

Taking Frova (frovatriptan) for more than 2 to 3 days a week or for 10 days a month can make your migraines worse. Talk to your doctor if you find it's not working for you.