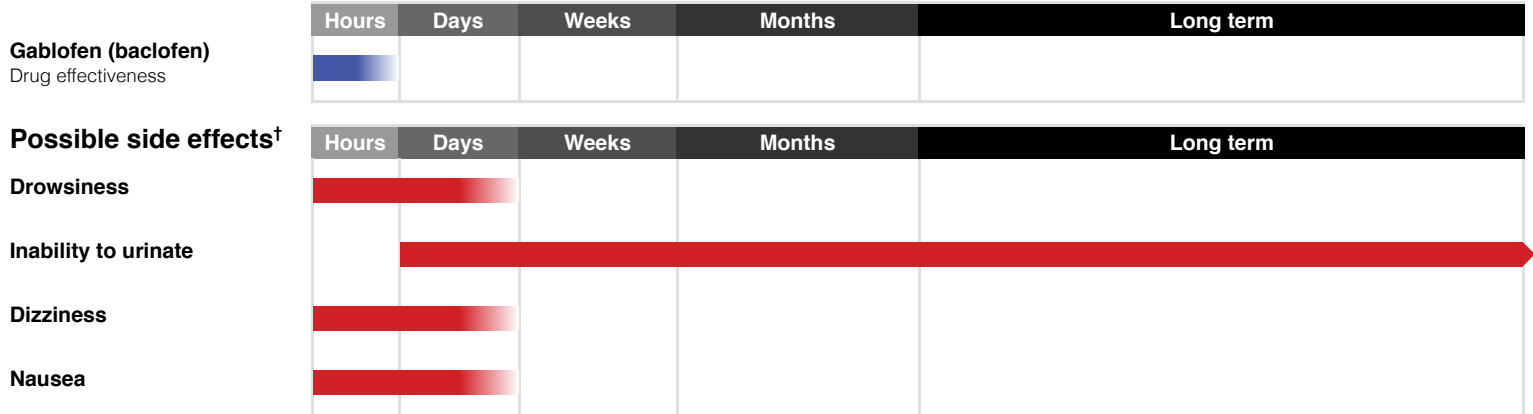


Gablofen (baclofen) basics

Works well to control muscle spasticity. Gablofen (baclofen) is effective for long term spastic conditions, such as multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injury, and others. It is administered intrathecally by a pump connecting to your spine.

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

- Gablofen (baclofen) is started in the doctor's office, and delivered into the spine by a pump. Make sure that you or your caregiver have appropriate training on how to use it.
- Gablofen (baclofen) can make you feel very tired or sleepy. Don't drive or do anything that requires concentration until you know how it affects you.
- If you have been on Gablofen (baclofen) for a long period of time, you should not stop this abruptly. Abruptly stopping or discontinuing the intrathecal Gablofen (baclofen) pump can cause potentially life-threatening conditions. Your doctor will help you decrease it slowly over time.

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.

Withdrawal symptoms

If you've been taking Gablofen (baclofen) for a while, stopping it suddenly can be dangerous. People have had fevers, rebound spasticity, muscle rigidity, and altered mental status. This can be life-threatening. Talk to your doctor about stopping it slowly so this doesn't happen to you.

Driving impairment

Gablofen (baclofen) lowers your ability to focus, think, and react. Be careful. Avoid activities that require you to be alert, such as driving a car or operating machinery, until you know how this medication affects you.

Seizures

If you've had seizures in the past, Gablofen (baclofen) can make you more likely to have them again, even if they're controlled by medicines. Talk to your doctor if your medicines have to be changed.