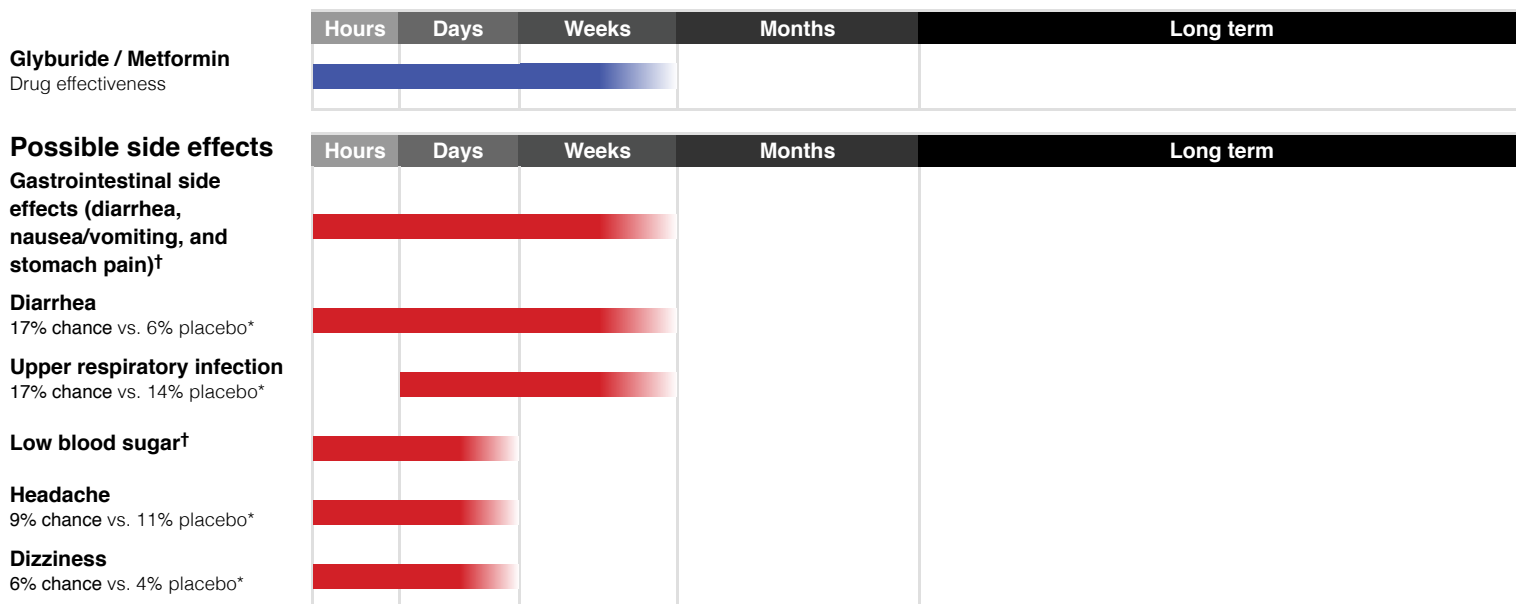


**Lowers blood sugar.** Glyburide / Metformin is an effective combination medicine for lowering blood sugar, but it is likely to cause diarrhea in the first few weeks.

## 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

- Check your blood sugar regularly.
- Wear sunscreen and appropriate clothing to protect yourself from the sun.
- Take the medicine with meals to prevent an upset stomach.
- Tell your doctor right away if you experience rapid breathing, ongoing nausea, vomiting, or stomach pain.
- Limit the amount of alcohol you drink while taking Glyburide / Metformin.

## 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.

### Lactic acid build up in blood

Glyburide / Metformin can cause the buildup of a chemical called lactate in your blood which can result in a rare, but life-threatening condition known as lactic acidosis.

Symptoms of lactic acidosis include shallow and rapid breathing, nausea, vomiting, and stomach pain. This is a medical emergency and you should get help right away. Speak to your doctor first before using Glyburide / Metformin if you have kidney and/or liver problems.

### Serious heart problems

Taking Glyburide / Metformin may increase your risk of death from heart problems when compared to other methods of controlling blood sugar, specifically with diet alone or diet and insulin. Talk to your doctor about the benefits and risks of taking Glyburide / Metformin to decide if it is the right medicine for you.

### Low blood sugar

Glyburide / Metformin can drop your blood sugar to dangerously low levels, which can be life-threatening. Signs of low blood sugar include fast heartbeat, sweating, pale skin, shakiness, confusion and irritability. Make sure to carry with you some form of sugar such as hard candies or glucose tablets at all times while you are on this medicine.

