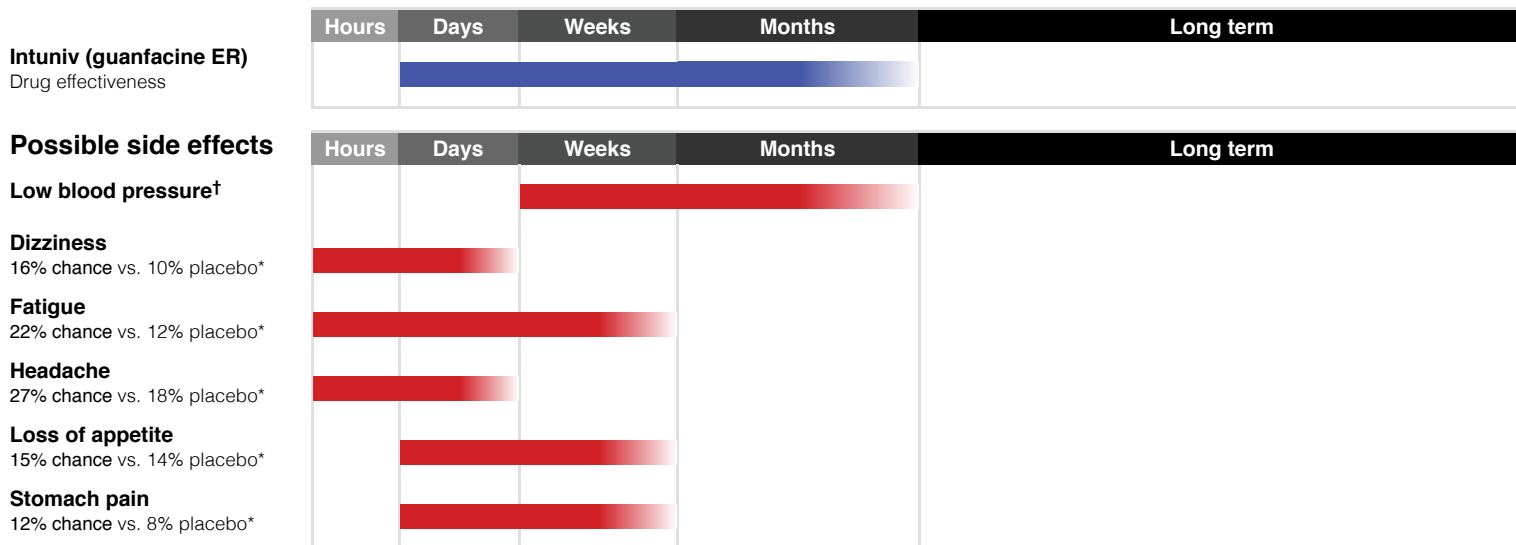


Intuniv (guanfacine ER) basics

Helps you focus your thoughts. Intuniv (guanfacine ER) is an option for ADHD patients who cannot take stimulants.

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

- Do not crush or cut these tablets.
- Intuniv (guanfacine ER) can be taken day or night. You can take Intuniv (guanfacine ER) at night if it makes you sleepy.
- Avoid taking Intuniv (guanfacine ER) with a high-fat meal.
- Intuniv (guanfacine ER) can lower your blood pressure so check your blood pressure regularly, especially when first starting Intuniv (guanfacine ER), or if your dose changes.
- Do not stop Intuniv (guanfacine ER) suddenly because it can quickly increase your blood pressure.
- The extended release form of Intuniv (guanfacine ER) is used for ADHD. The immediate release form is used to lower your blood pressure.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Fainting

Fainting can happen while you're taking Intuniv (guanfacine ER) because your blood pressure or heart rate can change when you change positions, such as going from sitting to standing, and you might feel dizzy. Be careful because you might be likely to fall. If you're sensitive to low blood pressure or you're taking medicines to control your blood pressure, change position slowly until your body is used to the medicine. If it doesn't get better after a couple of weeks, talk to your doctor.

Sleepiness

Intuniv (guanfacine ER) lowers your ability to focus, think, and react for the first few days until you get used to it. Be careful and avoid activities that require you to be alert, such as driving a car or operating machinery, until you know how this medication affects you. Talk to your doctor if this doesn't go away after a few days.

Increased blood pressure and heart rate

Don't stop taking Intuniv (guanfacine ER) without talking to your doctor, since your blood pressure and heart rate can suddenly get higher, which can be dangerous if you're taking medicines for high blood pressure or heart rate. Talk to your doctor if you want to stop taking Intuniv (guanfacine ER) so you can do it safely.

