

Stromectol (ivermectin) basics

Treats infections caused by stomach worms and other parasites. Stromectol (ivermectin) is an antiparasitic, which you usually only need to take once to get rid of your infection.

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 |
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| Stromectol (ivermectin) Drug effectiveness | [Blue bar spanning from Hours to Months] | | | | |
| Possible side effects† | Hours | Days | Weeks | Months | Long term |
| Rash | [Red bar spanning from Hours to Days] | | | | |
| Severe allergic reaction | | [Red bar spanning from Days to Weeks] | | | |

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Usually you only have to take Stromectol (ivermectin) once to get rid of your infection. However, if you don't feel better after taking it, talk to your doctor to see if you need a second dose.
- Take Stromectol (ivermectin) on an empty stomach and with a full glass of water.
- You should drink lots of fluids and avoid caffeine when taking this medication.
- If you're taking warfarin, your doctor might have to do more blood work while you take this medicine.
- Before taking Stromectol (ivermectin), tell your doctor if you recently traveled to West Africa or Central Africa and have symptoms such as neck pain, back pain, shortness of breath, or feel tired or weak.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Severe allergic reaction

Some people have had a severe allergic reaction after taking Stromectol (ivermectin) to treat a rare type of parasitic eye infection. Symptoms usually start about a week after taking the medicine and include fever, hives, fast heart rate, swelling, and stomach pain. This type of eye infection almost never happens in the United States, and only occurs if you've visited certain countries in Africa or the Middle East. If you have these symptoms, talk to your doctor or go to the emergency room right away.

Rash

It is rare, but some people get red, dry, and itchy skin after taking Stromectol (ivermectin). If you have these symptoms, talk to your doctor right away.