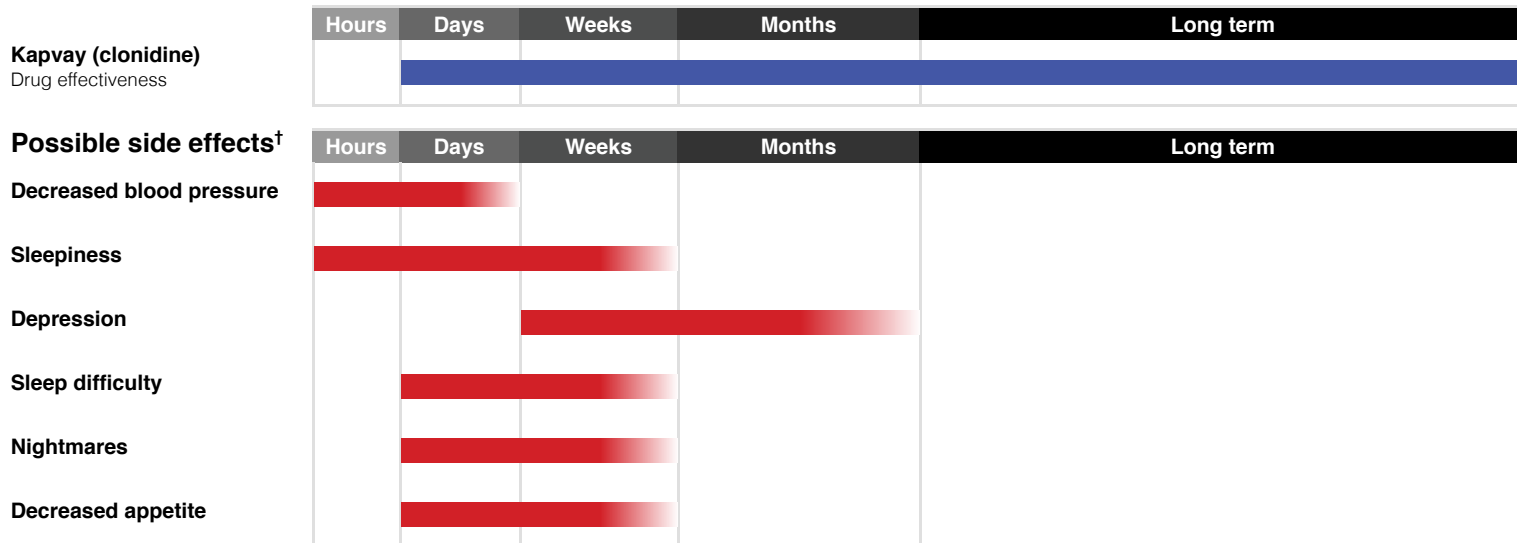


Kapvay (clonidine) basics

Treats attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. Kapvay (clonidine) is one of the few medicines for ADHD that isn't a stimulant and not addictive, but it can lower your blood pressure.

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

- Can cause drowsiness, headache, dizziness, and dry mouth.
- You might have to take Kapvay (clonidine) for at least two weeks before you notice any changes.
- Don't stop taking this medicine suddenly without talking to your doctor.
- Swallow Kapvay (clonidine) whole. Don't chew, cut or crush the pill.
- If you forget your daily dose of Kapvay (clonidine), skip it for that day. Don't double up the next day.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Low blood pressure and low heart rate

Taking Kapvay (clonidine) can cause your blood pressure and heart rate to go down. This can be worse if you already have a slow heart rate. Your doctor should check your heart to make sure it's safe to take. Be very careful getting up if you've been sitting or lying down for a long time, since you might feel faint and fall down.

Sleepiness

People who take Kapvay (clonidine) can feel very sleepy during the day. It can be worse if you're taking other medicines that also make you sleepy, like pain medicines, or medicines for anxiety. Be very careful driving or doing anything that requires your full concentration until you know how your body reacts to it.

High blood pressure

Don't stop taking Kapvay (clonidine) suddenly without talking to your doctor first. Your blood pressure can jump up, or you can feel dizzy or anxious. Your doctor will work with you to stop your medicine gradually.