

Levitra (vardenafil) basics

Helps you get an erection. Levitra (vardenafil) helps with erectile dysfunction, but it may be expensive if not covered by your insurance.

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
Levitra (vardenafil) Drug effectiveness					
Possible side effects					
Headache 15% chance vs. 4% placebo*					
Flushing 11% chance vs. 1% placebo*					
Upset stomach 4% chance vs. 1% placebo*					
Stuffy nose 9% chance vs. 3% placebo*					
Dizziness 2% chance vs. 1% placebo*					

* Placebo is a sugar pill with no medicinal benefit.

Tips from pharmacists

- Levitra (vardenafil) works best if taken 30 to 60 minutes before sexual activity.
- Try to avoid drinking alcohol when you're taking this medication since it can further lower your blood pressure and cause dizziness.
- Levitra (vardenafil) does not protect from sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV or hepatitis. Be sure to practice safe sex.
- Staxyn is a tablet that dissolves immediately on tongue, taken without liquid. Do not remove from blister until you're ready for use.
- If you regularly or sometimes take nitrates for your heart, you cannot take this medicine. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist about all the medicines you are currently taking to make sure it is safe to take Levitra (vardenafil).
- If you have any changes in your vision or hearing, or have an erection lasting longer than 4 hours, stop use and seek medical attention.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Heart problems

Sexual activity and Levitra (vardenafil) can stress your heart. Talk to your doctor before starting this medicine if you have any pre-existing heart conditions.

Prolonged erection

Rarely, an erection lasting more than 4 hours can occur while taking Levitra (vardenafil). Seek medical help immediately if this happens. If not treated on time, it can lead to permanent nerve damage and impotence.

Sudden vision or hearing loss

Rarely, vision or hearing loss can occur while on Levitra (vardenafil). Go to the emergency room or call your doctor immediately if you notice any changes in your sight or hearing.