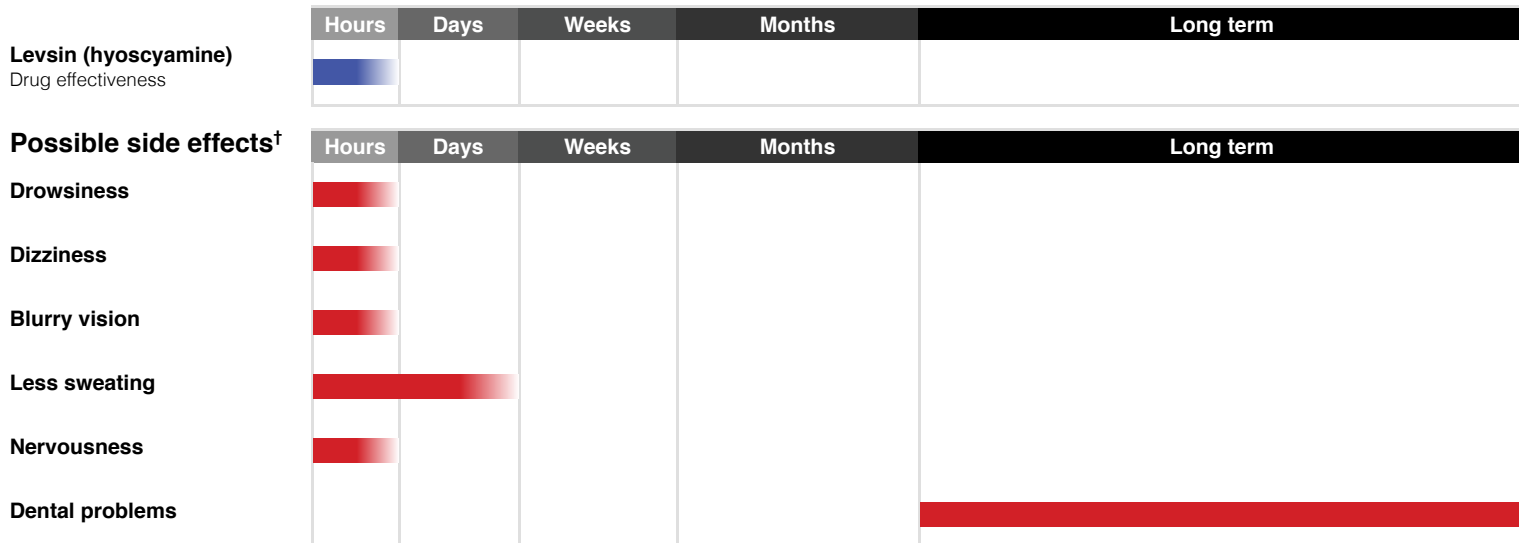


Levsin (hyoscyamine) basics

Treats stomach and bladder problems. While Levsin (hyoscyamine) was used in the past to treat many stomach or bladder problems, there are other medicines that work better with fewer side effects.

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

- If you are using Levsin (hyoscyamine) for stomach or bladder problems, it is usually taken every 4 to 12 hours on as needed basis.
- Starts working within minutes.
- Talk to your doctor if you have a history of heart problems before starting Levsin (hyoscyamine).
- Certain medications can interact with Levsin (hyoscyamine). Make sure your doctor and pharmacist know all your medications, including prescriptions, over the counter and supplements.
- Antacids can make Levsin (hyoscyamine) less effective. Take antacids at least 1 hour after taking Levsin (hyoscyamine).
- Drink plenty of fluids while you're on Levsin (hyoscyamine) to help relieve dry mouth and prevent heat stroke.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Difficulty concentrating

Levsin (hyoscyamine) lowers your ability to focus, think and react. Be careful and avoid activities that require you to be alert, such as driving a car or operating machinery, for the first few days while you start to understand how Levsin (hyoscyamine) affects you.

Blockage in the intestines

Having diarrhea while on Levsin (hyoscyamine) could be a sign of intestinal blockage if you have a colostomy or ileostomy. Stop Levsin (hyoscyamine) and talk to your doctor right away if this happens to you.

Heat stroke

Levsin (hyoscyamine) can cause you to sweat less, putting you at risk of heatstroke. Stay away from activities that may make you overheat such as exercising in the sun, using a sauna, or other strenuous activity. Make sure you stay hydrated and look for areas with lots of shade.