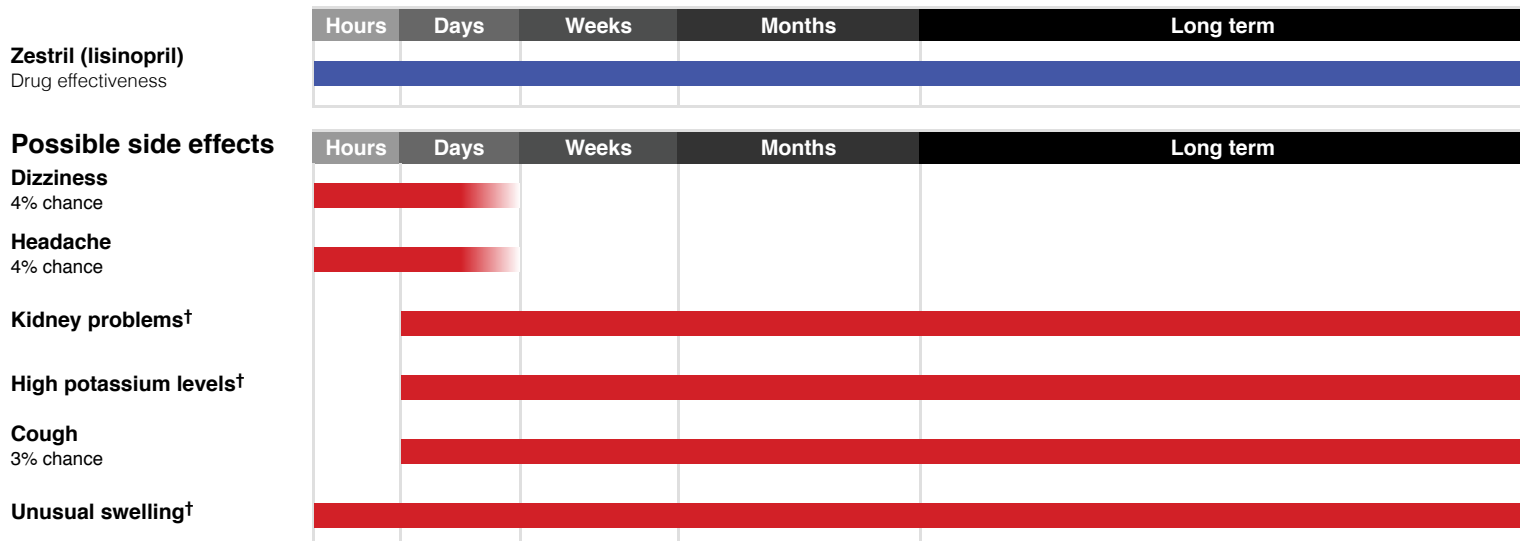


Zestril (lisinopril) basics

Lowers blood pressure. Zestril (lisinopril) is a good blood pressure-lowering medicine that protects kidney function.

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 dizziness the first few days you're taking it.
- Check your blood pressure about 1 week after starting Zestril (lisinopril), and tell your doctor if it hasn't improved.
- Let your doctor know about any dizziness, tiredness, cough, or throat irritation that doesn't go away.
- You'll need to have blood tests done to check your kidney function.
- Don't take Zestril (lisinopril) if you're pregnant.

Risks and warnings

The FDA has identified these as possible serious or life-threatening risks with this medication. Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Harm to fetus

Zestril (lisinopril) can cause birth defects. If you find you're pregnant, stop taking Zestril (lisinopril) right away and talk to your doctor.

Cough

Taking Zestril (lisinopril) may cause minor throat irritation or a dry cough. This can happen at any time while you're taking Zestril (lisinopril). If you find this bothersome, discuss other options with your doctor.

Swelling of face and head

Angioedema, or swelling in the face, lip, tongue, throat, or other organs, can happen at any time while you're taking Zestril (lisinopril). This is more likely to happen if you are of African descent. Talk to a doctor or pharmacist if you have any head or neck swelling or abdominal pain that doesn't go away.