

Lyrica (pregabalin) basics

Treats pain caused by nerve damage and prevents seizures. Lyrica (pregabalin) is first-choice treatment for nerve pain, but may be expensive since it is available as brand name only.

What to expect when starting

Here's when people typically experience benefits as well as some possible side effects. Your experience may be different.



* Placebo is a sugar pill with no medicinal benefit.

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Avoid activities that require mental alertness or coordination until you know how Lyrica (pregabalin) affects you. Some may experience dizziness and drowsiness when they first start taking this medicine.
- Talk to your doctor if you want to stop taking Lyrica (pregabalin), especially if you're using it to prevent seizures. You'll need to slowly lower your dose, over at least a week, to avoid any unwanted side-effects.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Suicidal thoughts or behavior

Lyrica (pregabalin) can increase the risk of suicidal thoughts or behavior. Report new or worsening symptoms of depression or unusual changes in mood or behavior to your doctor right away.

Driving impairment

Lyrica (pregabalin) causes drowsiness. Avoid activities that require you to be alert, such as driving a car or operating machinery, until you know how this medicine affects you.

Giant hives (angioedema)

Angioedema, swelling of the face, tongue, and/or other organs, can happen at anytime when taking Lyrica (pregabalin). Get medical help immediately if you develop any head/neck swelling or abdominal pain that does not go away.