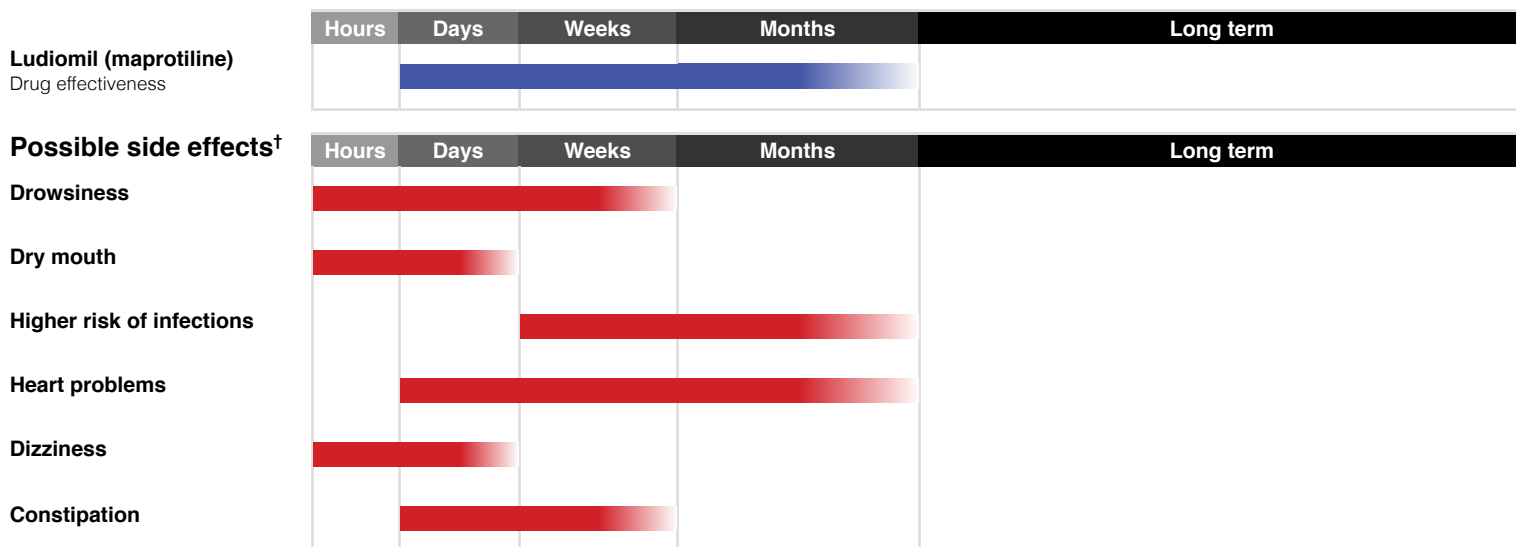


Ludiomil (maprotiline) basics

Stabilizes your mood. While Ludiomil (maprotiline) is part of the first choice of medicines to treat depression, it can cause drowsiness and dehydration.

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've taken Ludiomil (maprotiline) for a long time, don't stop taking it suddenly without talking to your doctor first. It can be very dangerous.
- Don't drive or do anything requiring concentration while taking Ludiomil (maprotiline) until you know how it affects you since it can make you sleepy. This can be worse if you drink alcohol or take narcotics.
- You might not notice changes in your mood until you've taken Ludiomil (maprotiline) for at least a few weeks.
- If you forget your regular dose of Ludiomil (maprotiline), take it as soon as you remember. However, don't take 2 doses at the same time if it's already time for your next dose.
- You might feel dizzy the first few days you take Ludiomil (maprotiline), which can make you fall. Be very careful getting up if you've been sitting or lying down for a while. Brace yourself and sit back down if you're feeling dizzy.
- Ludiomil (maprotiline) can also cause constipation. Eat plenty of fruits and vegetables, or use stool softeners or laxatives.

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.

Higher risk of suicide

Taking Ludiomil (maprotiline) can make you more likely to harm yourself or commit suicide, especially if you are younger and during the first few weeks of taking the medicine. If you or your child feel like they want to hurt themselves while taking Ludiomil (maprotiline), call the doctor right away.

Possible bipolar disorder

Sometimes depression can be the first sign of a bipolar disorder, and taking medicines like Ludiomil (maprotiline) might start a bipolar episode. Talk to your doctor right away if you or your loved ones notice unusual changes in your behavior.

Heart problems

If you have heart disease or have had a heart attack, Ludiomil (maprotiline) can cause changes to your heartbeat that can be very dangerous. Talk to your doctor about other medicines that can be better for you.