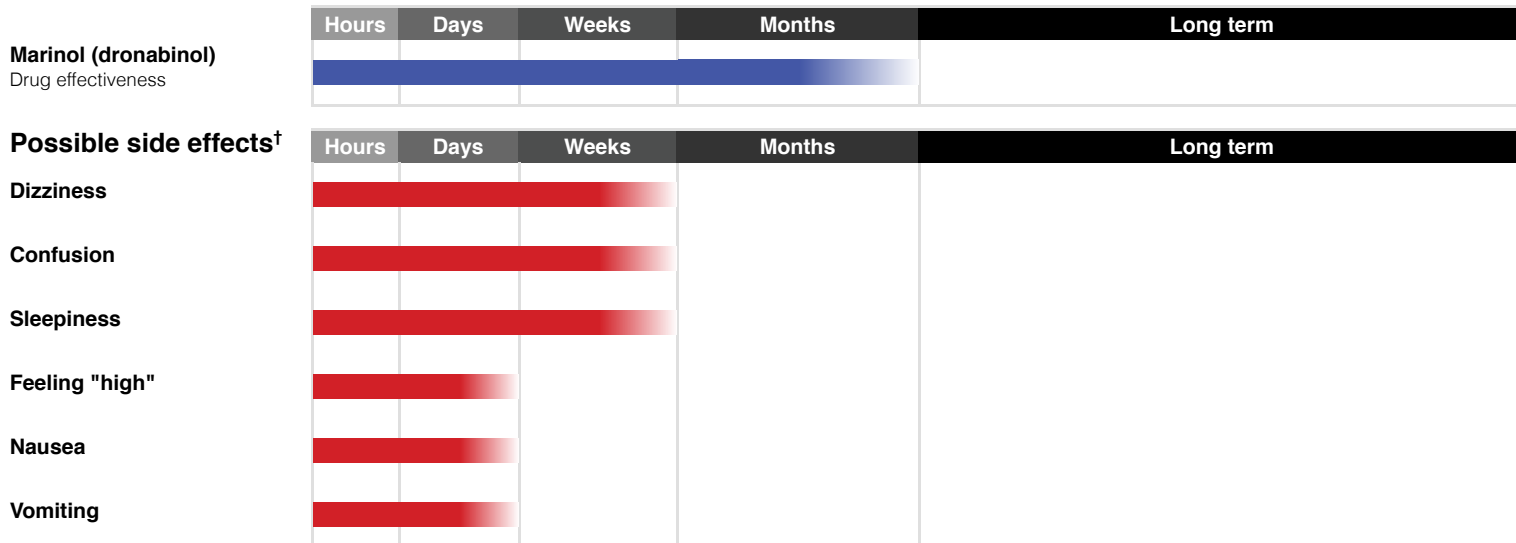


Marinol (dronabinol) basics

Treats appetite loss and nausea. Marinol (dronabinol) can help with appetite stimulation and nausea/vomiting; however, there are other medicines available that might work better and have less 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

- Talk to your doctor before stopping Marinol (dronabinol). You can experience withdrawal symptoms if you suddenly stop taking the medicine.
- Marinol (dronabinol) should be stored in a refrigerator.
- Don't smoke marijuana when taking Marinol (dronabinol).
- Be sure to keep good dental hygiene when taking Marinol (dronabinol). Products like sugar-free lozenges, hard candies, and gum can help reduce dry mouth symptoms.
- Don't drink alcohol while taking Marinol (dronabinol).
- Talk to your doctor first before starting other medicines that can also affect your judgment and coordination.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Impairment of mental or physical abilities

Marinol (dronabinol) can cause severe drowsiness and affect your ability to concentrate. Don't drive, operate heavy machinery, or engage in any hazardous activity when starting Marinol (dronabinol). First, see that you can tolerate the medication well before performing these activities in order to ensure that you can complete them safely.

Seizures

Marinol (dronabinol) can cause seizures or seizure-like activity. If you have a history of seizures, talk with your doctor before starting Marinol (dronabinol) to see if it's safe for you.

Heart and blood vessel changes

Marinol (dronabinol) can cause heart and blood vessels changes including low or high blood pressure, fainting, or fast heart rate. If you develop these symptoms, talk with your doctor right away.