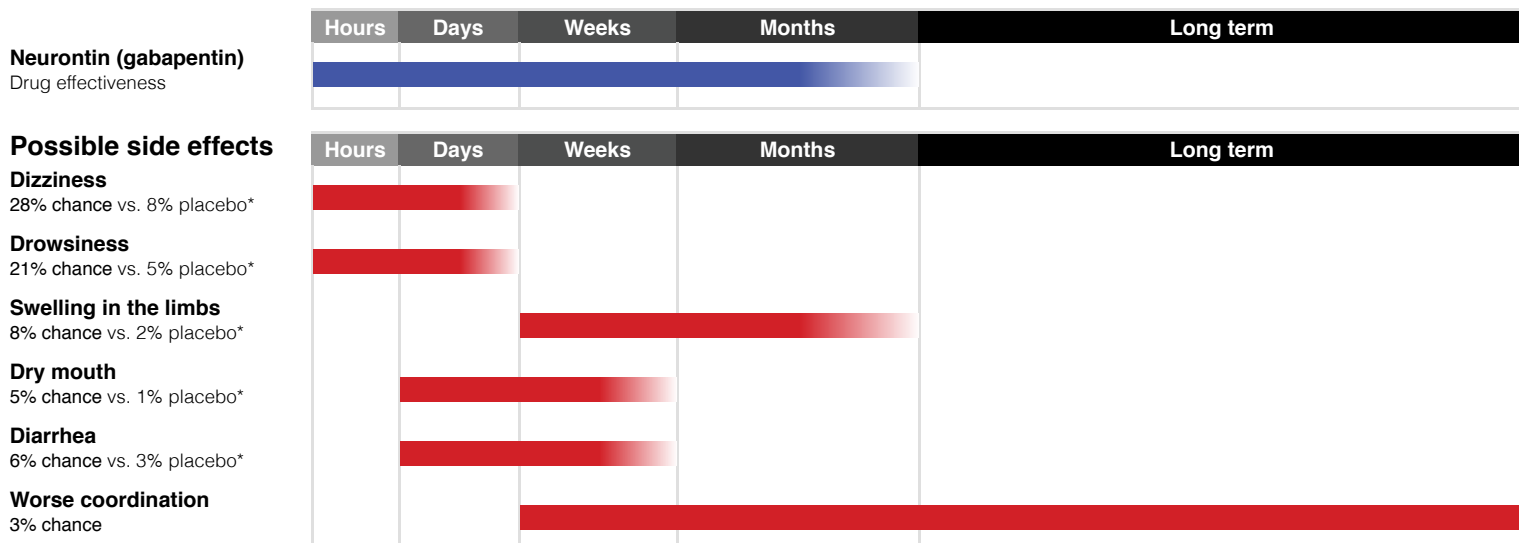


Neurontin (gabapentin) basics

Treats tingling and burning nerve pain. Neurontin (gabapentin) is an old seizure disorder medicine that is now used to treat nerve-related pain caused by different conditions.

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.

Tips from pharmacists

- Side effects are common but usually manageable.
- Don't drive while taking Neurontin (gabapentin) until you know how the medicine affects you.
- Take doses at bedtime to avoid dizziness and drowsiness.
- Neurontin (gabapentin) and generic forms of gabapentin have the same ingredients as Gralise and Horizant but are dosed differently. Make sure you know which form you're taking since they are used for different purposes.
- Take the extended-release tablet (Gralise) with food.
- Stop taking Neurontin (gabapentin) slowly over at least 1 to 2 weeks to avoid getting withdrawal symptoms.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Suicidal thoughts or behavior

Neurontin (gabapentin) may increase the risk of suicidal thoughts or behavior as early as 1 week after starting treatment. Watch for the start or worsening of depression, suicidal thoughts or behavior, or any unusual changes in mood or behavior. Tell your doctor immediately if you are worried.

Neurologic and psychiatric side effects (children)

Using Neurontin (gabapentin) may cause emotional ups and downs, aggressive behavior, problems concentrating, restlessness, hyperactivity, and changes in school performance. When these side effects occur, they are usually mild to moderate in intensity.

Serious allergic reaction and multiple organ problems

People taking Neurontin (gabapentin) have had a serious rash and multiple organ problems known as Drug Reaction with Eosinophilia and Systemic Symptoms (DRESS). It can be life-threatening. Call a doctor immediately if you experience a fever, rash, hives, swollen lips or tongue, or unusual bruising or bleeding.