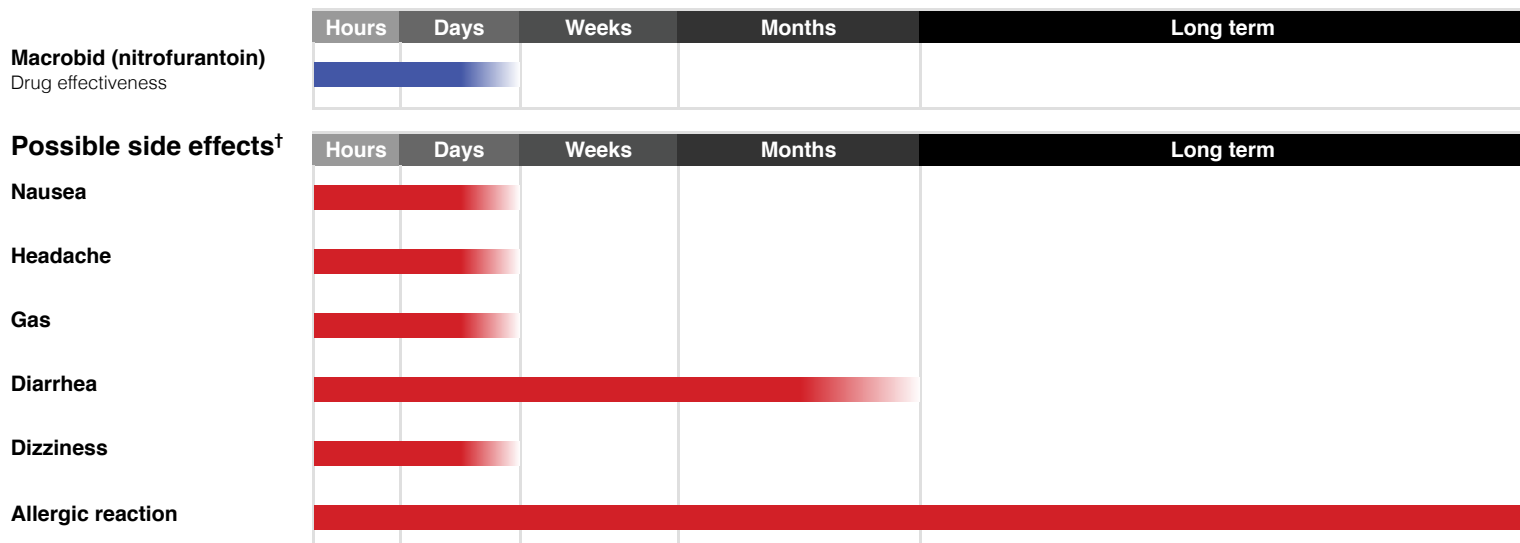


# Macrobid (nitrofurantoin) basics

**Treats and prevents urinary tract infections.** Macrobid (nitrofurantoin) treats uncomplicated urinary tract infections, but does not work well for older people or those with kidney problems.

## 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

- Take Macrobid (nitrofurantoin) with food to lessen side effects.
- Don't combine Macrobid (nitrofurantoin) with magnesium vitamins or antacids. Magnesium inactivates Macrobid (nitrofurantoin) in your body.
- Make sure to finish the entire course of therapy, even if you start to feel better.
- Macrobid (nitrofurantoin) can turn your urine into a brownish color. This is normal.
- The suspension form of the medicine can be mixed with water, milk, juice, or baby formula. Shake it well before using.

## Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

### Lung damage

Rarely, Macrobid (nitrofurantoin) causes damage to your lungs. Talk to your doctor right away if you are having difficulty breathing or have a cough that does not go away.

### Liver damage

Rarely, Macrobid (nitrofurantoin) causes damage to your liver. Talk to your doctor right away if you experience nausea, tiredness, stomach pain, or yellowing of your skin or eyes while taking this medication. Your doctor will monitor your liver function if you are using Macrobid (nitrofurantoin) for a long period of time.

### Nerve damage

Rarely, Macrobid (nitrofurantoin) causes damage to your nerves. Tell your doctor if you experience numbness, tingling, or prickling sensation in any part of your body. Your doctor will monitor your blood levels regularly if you are taking Macrobid (nitrofurantoin) for an extended period of time.