

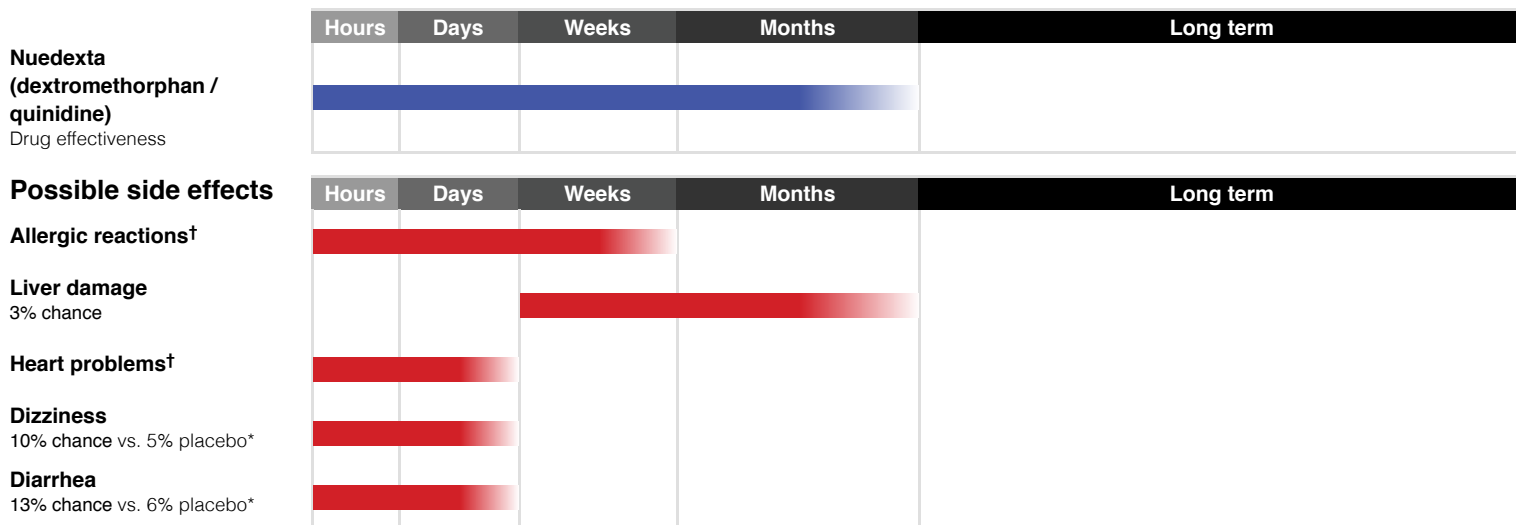
Nuedexta (dextromethorphan / quinidine) basics

Lowers the number of episodes of sudden, frequent, uncontrollable crying or laughing that doesn't match how you feel.

Nuedexta (dextromethorphan / quinidine) is the only medicine approved for pseudobulbar affect. It is only available as a brand name, so it can have an expensive copay.

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

- For the first week, take 1 Nuedexta (dextromethorphan / quinidine) pill each morning. After that, increase your dose to 2 pills per day - 1 pill every 12 hours.
- If you miss a dose, do not take a double dose. Take your next dose at your usual time.
- Don't drive or do anything requiring concentration until you know how Nuedexta (dextromethorphan / quinidine) affects your body.
- If you've been taking medicines called monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs), you'll have to wait at least 14 days from your last dose before you can start taking Nuedexta (dextromethorphan / quinidine).

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Allergic reactions

Rare life-threatening allergic reactions have been reported with quinidine, a component of Nuedexta (dextromethorphan / quinidine). This is more common if you're allergic to quinine or mefloquine. If you suddenly have a high fever, chills, nausea or vomiting, call your doctor right away and stop taking it.

Liver damage

Hepatitis and liver damage have been reported rarely in people who've taken Nuedexta (dextromethorphan / quinidine). This usually happens in the first few weeks. Call your doctor right away if you suddenly develop a high fever and you haven't been sick.

Changes in heartbeat

If you've had high blood pressure, heart disease, or a stroke, talk to your doctor to see if Nuedexta (dextromethorphan / quinidine) is right for you. Nuedexta (dextromethorphan / quinidine) can cause problems with your heartbeat, which can be dangerous.