

# Praluent (alirocumab) basics

**Lowers cholesterol.** If diet, exercise and statin medications aren't lowering your cholesterol enough, using Praluent (alirocumab) with them can help.

## What to expect when starting

Here's when people typically experience benefits as well as some possible side effects. Your experience may be different.

	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
<b>Praluent (alirocumab)</b> Drug effectiveness	[Blue gradient bar from Hours to Weeks]				
<b>Possible side effects</b>	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
<b>Common cold</b> 11% chance vs. 11% placebo*	[Red gradient bar from Hours to Days]				
<b>Injection site reaction</b> 7% chance vs. 5% placebo*	[Red gradient bar from Hours to Weeks]				
<b>Influenza</b> 6% chance vs. 5% placebo*		[Red gradient bar from Days to Weeks]			
<b>Urinary tract infection</b> 5% chance vs. 5% placebo*		[Red gradient bar from Days to Weeks]			
<b>Diarrhea</b> 5% chance vs. 4% placebo*	[Red gradient bar from Hours to Days]				
<b>Bronchitis</b> 4% chance vs. 4% placebo*	[Red gradient bar from Hours to Days]				

\* Placebo is a sugar pill with no medicinal benefit.

## Tips from pharmacists

- Praluent (alirocumab) is a medicine you inject yourself once every 2 or 4 weeks using the pre-filled pen (autoinjector).
- It's injected into the fatty part of the skin on top of your thigh, belly area, or upper arm.
- Continue to take your statin medication while using Praluent (alirocumab), unless your doctor tells you otherwise.
- You should change where you inject each time you use Praluent (alirocumab).
- Store Praluent (alirocumab) in the refrigerator but let it come to room temperature for at least 30-40 minutes before using it. Warming will make the injection feel more comfortable. Do not leave it out of the refrigerator for longer than 24 hours.
- Can cause the common cold as well as redness and itching at the injection site.

## Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

### Allergic reaction

Praluent (alirocumab) can cause a severe allergic reaction. Go to the nearest emergency room right away if you develop a rash, a swollen face, or have trouble breathing.