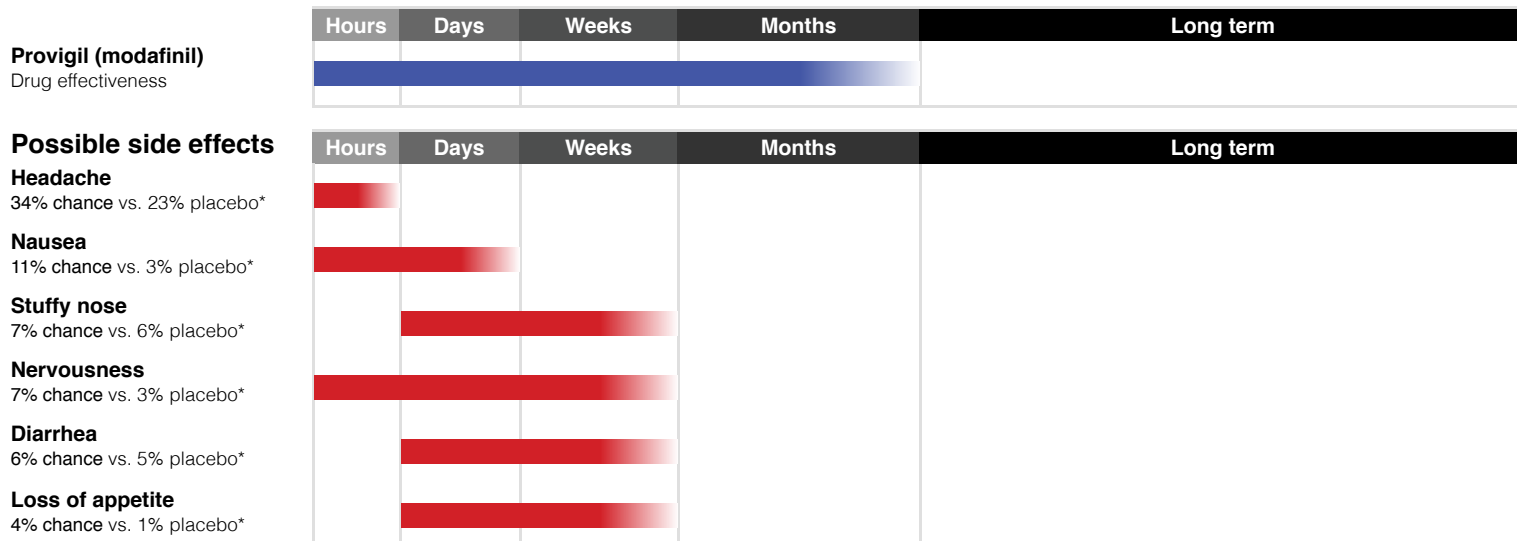


# Provigil (modafinil) basics

**Improves alertness.** Provigil (modafinil) is effective in improving alertness, but it interacts with some medicines and shouldn't be used long-term.

## 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

- Take in the morning or about one hour before you need to be alert.
- Tell your doctor right away and get medical attention if you break out in a rash.
- Don't drink alcohol while taking Provigil (modafinil).
- Provigil (modafinil) has many drug interactions and can lower the strength of your birth control pill, so use an additional form of birth control while using Provigil (modafinil).
- Don't stop taking this medication suddenly without talking to your doctor first.
- Can effect your concentration, mood, and coordination, so don't drive or operate machinery until you know how it affects you.

## Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

### Serious allergic reactions

In some people, Provigil (modafinil) can cause serious allergic reactions and life-threatening organ failure. Report any skin rash, fever, swelling, or trouble breathing to a doctor immediately. Severe and fatal skin reactions (Stevens-Johnson syndrome, toxic epidermal necrolysis) can occur anytime, and as early as the first day you take Provigil (modafinil). Tell your doctor or get medical help right away if you notice sores or fluid-filled blisters on your skin, lips, or inside your mouth. If you have this reaction you won't be able to continue taking this medication.

### Heart problems

Provigil (modafinil) is not recommended in people with a history of heart problems. If you have a history of heart disease, talk to your doctor before taking this medication.

### Increased side effects

Provigil (modafinil) is processed by the kidney and liver. If you have kidney or liver problems, you may need to take a lower dose to prevent side effects.

