

# Pulmozyme (dornase alfa) basics

**Thins mucus in lungs in cystic fibrosis.** Pulmozyme (dornase alfa) works well to thin your mucus and help you breathe easier, but it is very expensive and requires a nebulizer.

## 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>Pulmozyme (dornase alfa)</b> Drug effectiveness					
<b>Possible side effects</b>					
<b>Voice changes</b> 12% chance vs. 7% placebo*					
<b>Sore throat</b> 36% chance vs. 33% placebo*					
<b>Rash</b> 10% chance vs. 7% placebo*					
<b>Chest pain</b> 18% chance vs. 16% placebo*					
<b>Common cold symptoms</b> 3% chance vs. 1% placebo*					
<b>Pink eye</b> 4% chance vs. 2% placebo*					

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

## Tips from pharmacists

- Inhale Pulmozyme (dornase alfa) through the mouth with a machine called a nebulizer. Follow your doctor's instructions on correct usage.
- Do not mix Pulmozyme (dornase alfa) with other drugs or liquids in the nebulizer.
- Store Pulmozyme (dornase alfa) in the original foil pouch in the fridge until ready to use. Protect from light. When traveling, keep Pulmozyme (dornase alfa) cold.
- Squeeze each ampule before use to check for leaks. If the ampule is leaking, throw it away and get a new one.
- Throw away any drug that has been left at room temperature for more than 24 hours or looks cloudy or discolored.
- Most people take Pulmozyme (dornase alfa) once a day, but some people might be told by their doctor or care team to take Pulmozyme (dornase alfa) twice a day.

## Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

### Allergies

Do not use Pulmozyme (dornase alfa) if you are allergic to dornase alfa or Chinese hamster ovary cell products. Your doctor can help decide if Pulmozyme (dornase alfa) is right for you.