

# Revatio (sildenafil) basics

**Improves breathing in pulmonary arterial hypertension.** Revatio (sildenafil) is a first-choice treatment for pulmonary arterial hypertension, but shouldn't be used with some common heart medications.

## 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

- Be sure to take this medication at the same time every day, with or without food. Don't stop taking Revatio (sildenafil) without talking to your doctor even if you start to feel well.
- If you miss a dose, take the missed dose as soon as you remember. However, don't take two doses at the same time.
- The oral liquid (suspension) is good for 60 days either at room temperature or in the fridge. Make sure to shake it well before using.
- Revatio (sildenafil) shouldn't be mixed with certain medicines for the heart or for HIV. Make sure your doctor knows about all the other medicines you are taking.
- Avoid driving and doing tasks that require you to be alert until you know how Revatio (sildenafil) affects you.

## Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

### Low blood pressure

Revatio (sildenafil) can lower blood pressure and make you feel dizzy, especially when getting up from a sitting or lying down position. Be careful to avoid lightheadedness and falls. Talk to your doctor if you experience these symptoms and it doesn't go away.

### Vision changes

There have been reports of people with permanent damage to their vision while on Revatio (sildenafil). This isn't common. Go to the emergency room or call your doctor immediately if you suddenly notice changes in your vision in one or both eyes. You may be prescribed a different medication instead.

### Hearing loss

Rarely, men can cause permanent hearing loss while on Revatio (sildenafil). Go to the emergency room or call your doctor immediately if you notice changes in your hearing in one or both ears.