

# Rogaine (minoxidil) basics

**Treats hair loss.** Rogaine (minoxidil) can improve hair loss, but may not work for everyone.

## 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>Rogaine (minoxidil)</b> Drug effectiveness					
<b>Possible side effects†</b>					
<b>Itching</b>					
<b>Skin redness</b>					
<b>Hair color changes</b>					

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

## Tips from pharmacists

- Rogaine (minoxidil) comes in a mens and womens formula, be sure to use the correct one.
- If Rogaine (minoxidil) accidentally gets on areas other than your scalp, you may experience unwanted hair growth. Talk to your doctor if this happens.
- The amount of hair regrowth is different for each person. Rogaine (minoxidil) may not work for everyone.
- Make sure to wash your hands before and after use.
- During the first 2 weeks of use, you may notice more hair shedding. This is normal and is a sign that Rogaine (minoxidil) is working.
- For best results, do not use Rogaine (minoxidil) more than two times per day.

## Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

### Heart problems

Rogaine (minoxidil) can affect your heart, especially if you have heart problems. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before using if you have heart problems. Stop using and speak to your doctor if you notice chest pain or rapid heartbeats.

### Hair color changes

Rogaine (minoxidil) can cause changes in hair color or texture.

### Appropriate use

It is important that you read the label information carefully before use. Rogaine (minoxidil) should not be used if you have a different amount of hair loss than what is shown on the label or if your hair loss is on the front of the scalp. You should also not use Rogaine (minoxidil) if you have no family history of hair loss, your hair loss is sudden and/or patchy, or if you don't know the reason for your hair loss.