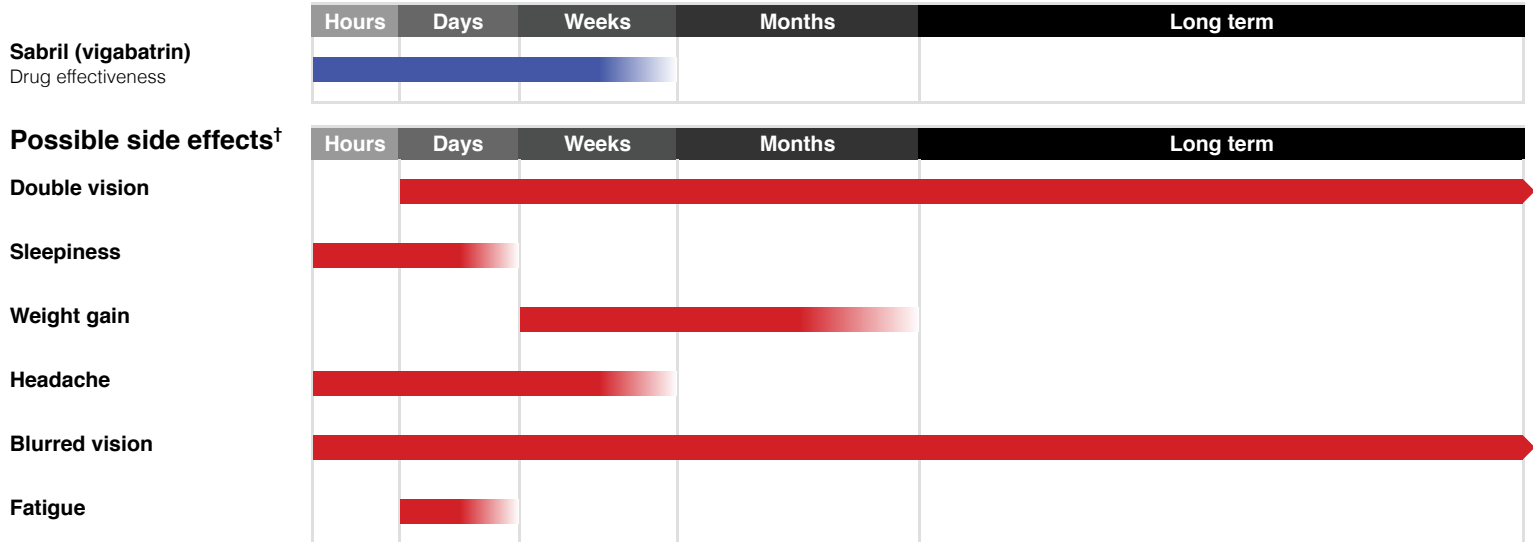


Sabril (vigabatrin) basics

Controls seizures in adults and treats infantile spasms. Sabril (vigabatrin) should not be the first medicine used to treat complex partial seizures, but it may work for people who did not respond to other drugs. It is also used in children 1 month to 2 years old with infantile spasms.

What to expect when starting

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



† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- You will need an eye exam before, during, and for about 3 to 6 months after you stop taking Sabril (vigabatrin).
- Sabril (vigabatrin) is usually taken two times a day. You can take it with or without food.
- Do not stop taking Sabril (vigabatrin) even if your symptoms get better.
- Sabril (vigabatrin) can affect your lab tests. Tell your healthcare providers and lab staff that you take this drug.
- Sabril (vigabatrin) is only available through a special monitoring program that your doctor and pharmacy must take part in.

Risks and warnings

The FDA has identified these as possible serious or life-threatening risks with this medication.

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Permanent vision loss

Sabril (vigabatrin) can affect your vision. You may only be able to see things straight in front of you or you may also have blurry vision. If this happens, it will not get better. Tell your doctor right away if you are more clumsy than usual. Your doctor should check your vision often while you are on Sabril (vigabatrin), and for some time after Sabril (vigabatrin) is stopped.

Suicidal thoughts or behavior

Sabril (vigabatrin) can cause you to have suicidal thoughts or behavior. Watch for worsening depression or any unusual changes in mood or behavior, especially during the first few months of treatment or when the dose changes. Report anything concerning to your doctor right away.

Withdrawal seizures

Do not stop Sabril (vigabatrin) without first talking to your doctor. Stopping Sabril (vigabatrin) suddenly can put you at risk of more seizures. To prevent this your doctor will slowly lower your dose of the drug over at least one week before completely stopping.