

Transderm-Scop (scopolamine) basics

Prevents nausea and vomiting. Transderm-Scop (scopolamine) is a low-hassle patch that works well to prevent nausea and vomiting, but it takes several hours to work.

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
Transderm-Scop (scopolamine) Drug effectiveness					
Possible side effects†	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
Dry mouth					
Dizziness					
Drowsiness					
Blurry vision					
Difficulty urinating					
Agitation					

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Starts working in 6 to 8 hours.
- Apply Transderm-Scop (scopolamine) to a clean, dry, hairless area of the skin behind the ear. Press down for 30 seconds to make sure the patch stays firmly.
- After handling the patch, make sure to wash your hands with soap and water to avoid accidental contact with your eyes.
- If the patch comes off, throw it away and use a new patch.
- You can prevent skin irritation by alternating ears and washing the area of your ear that you had placed the patch on.
- If you're using this before surgery, place it the day before, then leave it on until the day after your surgery.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Increased pressure in the eyes

If you're being treated for glaucoma, Transderm-Scop (scopolamine) can cause increased pressure in your eyes. Talk to your doctor to make sure Transderm-Scop (scopolamine) is safe for you. Take the patch off right away and call your doctor if you notice eye pain, redness, or problems with vision.

Worsening stomach, bowel, or bladder blockages

If you have problems with blockages in your stomach, bowels or bladder, talk to your doctor first before using Transderm-Scop (scopolamine), since it can make it worse.

Skin burns

If you're going to have an MRI procedure, take off the Transderm-Scop (scopolamine) patch. It can burn your skin if you leave it on. You can put a new patch on after the exam, or talk to your doctor about other medicines you can take.