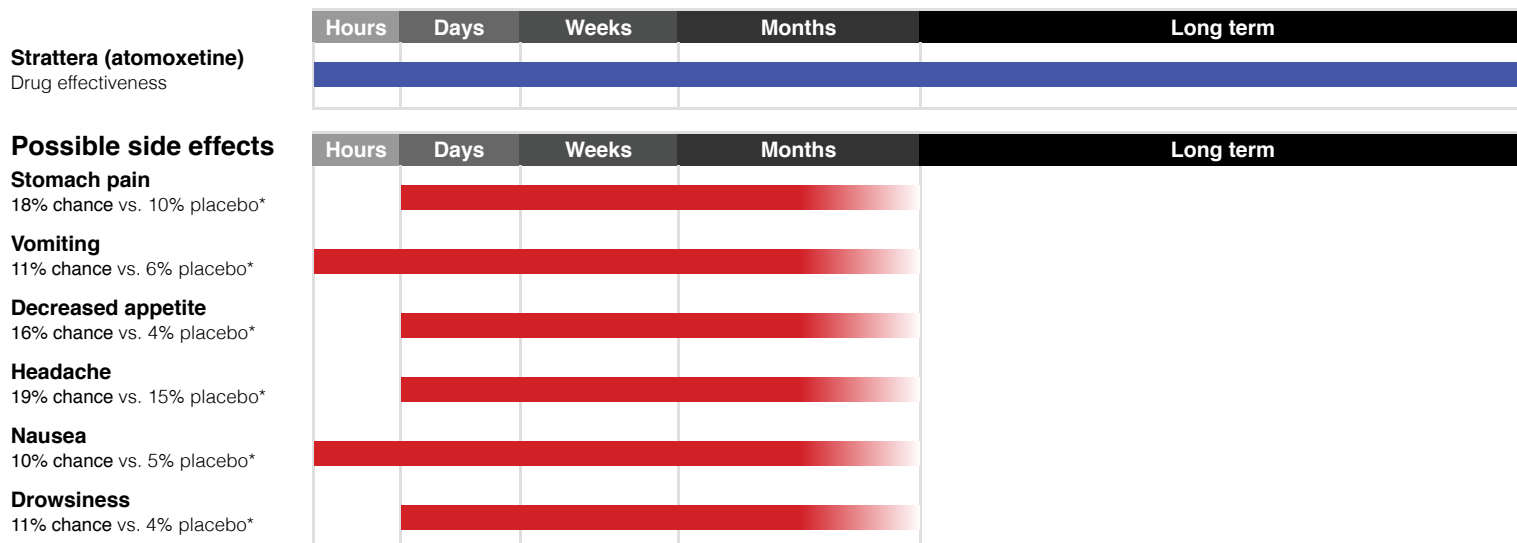


# Strattera (atomoxetine) basics

**Helps you focus and stay alert.** Strattera (atomoxetine) is a choice medication for children and adults with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) who cannot take amphetamine-based medications, but has a risk of suicidal thoughts.

## 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

- Take Strattera (atomoxetine) once or twice daily (as prescribed by your doctor) with or without food. If once daily, take in the morning. If twice daily, take in the morning and early afternoon.
- Strattera (atomoxetine) can increase your blood pressure and pulse, so it's not the best option for people with heart problems. Be sure to talk to your doctor if you have an existing heart condition.
- Don't open, crush or chew the capsules. They should be swallowed whole.
- Strattera (atomoxetine) can cause weight loss and decreased appetite. Try to maintain a good, healthy diet to avoid weight loss.
- Avoid driving or doing tasks that require you to be alert until you see how Strattera (atomoxetine) affects you.

## 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.

### Suicidal thinking

Children and adolescents on Strattera (atomoxetine) may be at higher risk for attempted suicide, especially when starting or increasing doses. If you notice worsening changes in your child's behavior or mood, talk to your doctor immediately.

### Liver toxicity

Strattera (atomoxetine) can cause liver damage. This is rare and usually goes away after stopping the medication. If you notice yellowing of the eyes or skin, dark urine, loss of appetite or abdominal pain, talk to your doctor immediately.

### Serious or life-threatening events

Strattera (atomoxetine) has been associated with heart attack, stroke, and sudden death. Anyone with a history of heart problems should be cautious when taking Strattera (atomoxetine). Be sure to talk to your doctor if you have a heart condition. Your doctor will likely also screen for heart problems before starting this medication. Watch out for unexplained fainting or chest pain that comes on with physical activity.