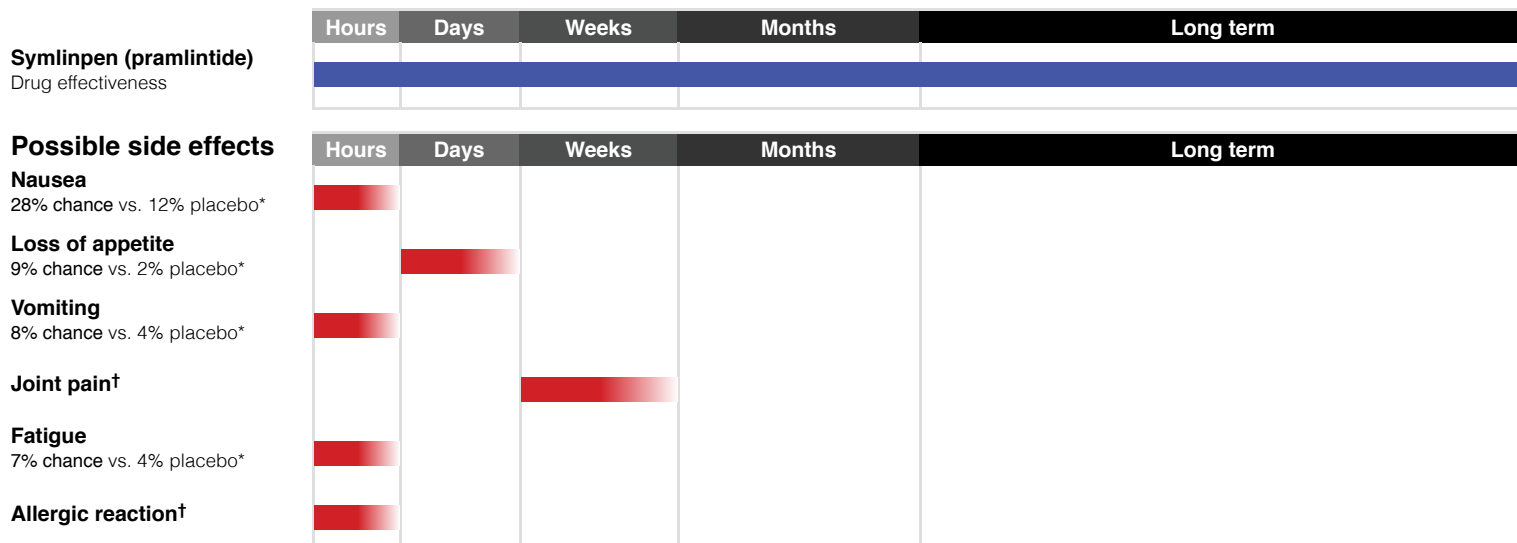


Symlinpen (pramlintide) basics

Lowers blood sugar. Symlinpen (pramlintide) helps lower blood sugar when fast-acting or mealtime insulin isn't enough, but it can also cause dangerously low blood sugar levels.

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.

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Before using Symlinpen (pramlintide), let your doctor know if you're on acarbose or atropine.
- You should avoid drinking alcohol while on Symlinpen (pramlintide).
- Symlinpen (pramlintide) can affect the way some medicines get into your body. You may need to take certain medicines 3 hours before or after Symlinpen (pramlintide). Talk with your pharmacist about the best times to take your medicines.
- You should take Symlinpen (pramlintide) right before a meal. If you skip the meal, don't take your dose of Symlinpen (pramlintide).
- Change the site of where you give yourself your shot each time to prevent skin irritation.
- Store unopened pens in the fridge. Opened pens can be kept at room temperature for 30 days.

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.

Low blood sugar

Symlinpen (pramlintide), alone or in combination with other diabetic medications, can cause low blood sugar. Very low blood sugar levels may be life-threatening. Your insulin dose may need to be reduced when you first start using Symlinpen (pramlintide). Your doctor can have you check your blood sugar levels more frequently. Talk to your doctor about the symptoms of low blood sugar and how to treat it. Until you know how Symlinpen (pramlintide) affects you, don't drive, operate machinery, or participate in dangerous activities.

Sharing needles

Never share Symlinpen (pramlintide) with another person, even if the needle is changed. Sharing this drug with others can increase your risk of getting a serious infection.

Appropriate use

Symlinpen (pramlintide) may not be right for you if you have trouble sticking to your insulin regimen, checking your blood sugars regularly, or if you've had several episodes of low blood sugar in the past 6 months. Your doctor will talk to you about your diabetes history before deciding if Symlinpen (pramlintide) is right for you.

