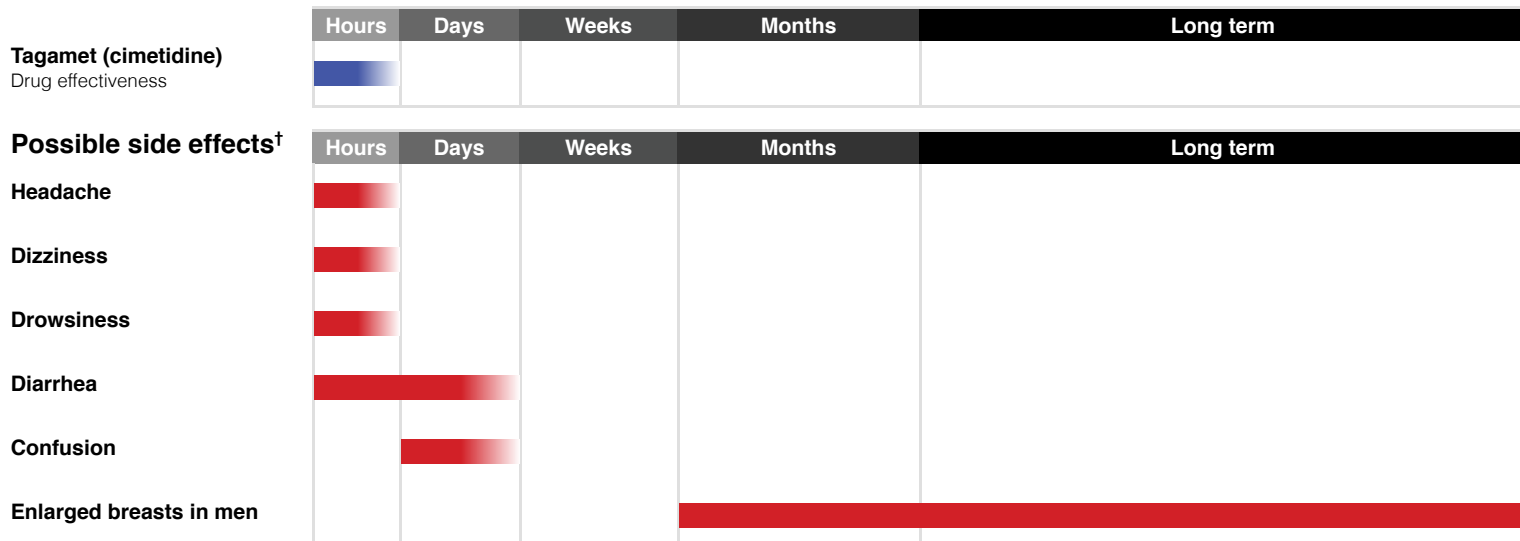


# Tagamet (cimetidine) basics

**Treats heartburn.** Tagamet (cimetidine) works well for heartburn, but may have more side effects than other medicines like it.

## 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

- Take 30 minutes before eating for maximum heartburn relief.
- Talk to your doctor if you don't see any improvement after 2 weeks.
- Talk to your doctor if you end up using this medicine more than 2 times a week.
- Let your doctor or pharmacist know about any other medicines or supplements that you are taking because Tagamet (cimetidine) can interfere with how a lot of other medicines work.

## Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

### Confusion

Tagamet (cimetidine) can cause confusion if you have kidney or liver problems, dementia, or if you are over 60 years old. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist about alternative medicines if you have any of these conditions.

### Drug interactions

Tagamet (cimetidine) can interfere with certain prescription and over-the-counter medications. Let your doctor or pharmacist know if you're currently taking other medications.

### Chronic lung problems

Tagamet (cimetidine) may raise your risk of getting pneumonia. Speak to your doctor or pharmacist before use if you have asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), or other lung problems.