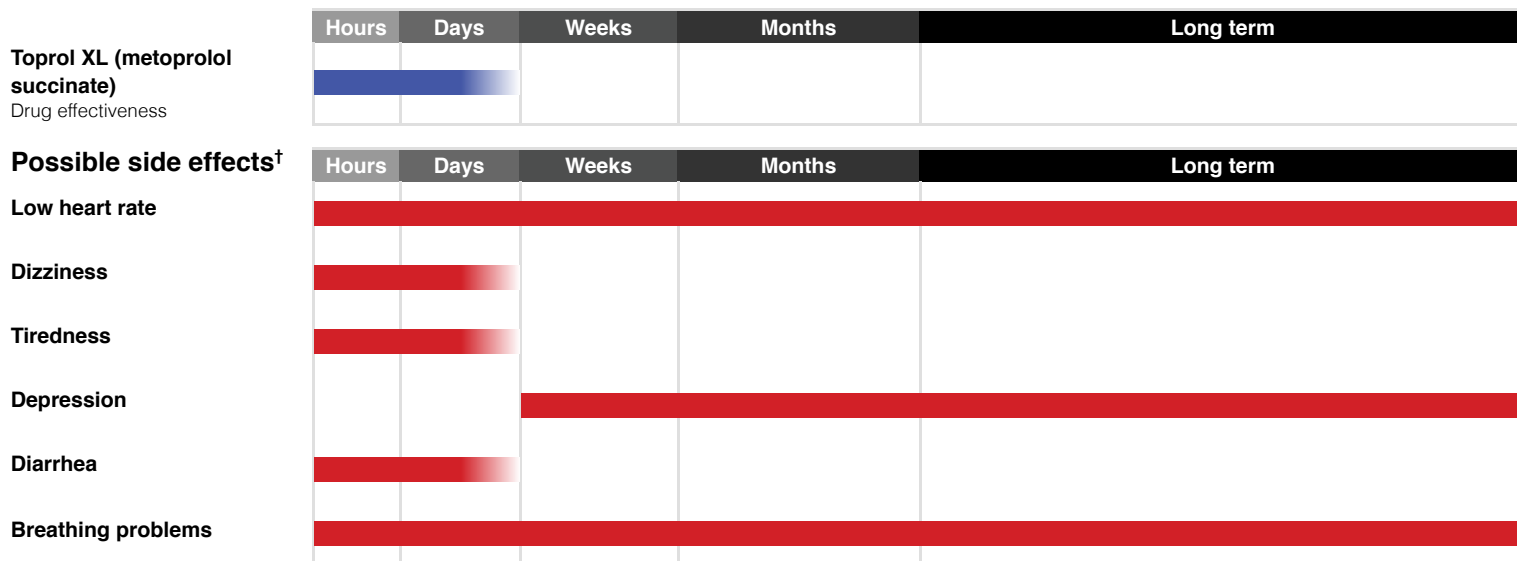


# Toprol XL (metoprolol succinate) basics

**Lowers blood pressure and controls heart rate.** Toprol XL (metoprolol succinate) is good for controlling chest pain, treating heart failure, and heart attack. It has the added benefit of being taken once a day.

## What to expect when starting

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



<sup>†</sup> Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

## Tips from pharmacists

- Toprol XL (metoprolol succinate) cause dizziness in the first few days.
- Check your blood pressure 1 week after starting this medicine and let your doctor know if it hasn't improved.
- It can make you feel tired or give you headaches.
- Can hide symptoms of low blood sugar, so be careful taking this if you have diabetes.
- Don't stop taking this medicine suddenly.
- This is the extended-release version, but it also comes in an immediate-release form, metoprolol tartrate.

## 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.

### Heart problems

Don't stop taking Toprol XL (metoprolol succinate) suddenly since it may lead to an irregular fast heartbeat, high blood pressure, poor blood circulation to your heart, or increase your risk of chest pain or heart attack. Work with your doctor to gradually reduce your dose if you'd like to stop taking Toprol XL (metoprolol succinate).

### Masked symptoms of low blood sugar

If you have diabetes and are on Toprol XL (metoprolol succinate), you may not recognize symptoms of low blood sugar, except for sweating and dizziness. Talk to your doctor about when and how to monitor your blood sugar if you start Toprol XL (metoprolol succinate).

### Masked symptoms of overactive thyroid

Because Toprol XL (metoprolol succinate) lowers your heart rate, it may be more difficult to identify heart-related symptoms that are caused by an overactive thyroid (hyperthyroidism). If you have hyperthyroidism, don't abruptly stop taking Toprol XL (metoprolol succinate) since it may lead to a "thyroid storm".