

Tranxene (clorazepate) basics

Treats alcohol withdrawal and controls partial seizures and anxiety. While Tranxene (clorazepate) can be used to control seizures and anxiety, it's not popular because of its potential for addiction and withdrawal seizures.

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
Tranxene (clorazepate) Drug effectiveness	[Blue gradient bar from Hours to Weeks]				
Possible side effects†	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
Sleepiness	[Red gradient bar from Hours to Days]				
Suicidal behavior			[Red gradient bar from Weeks to Months]		

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Tranxene (clorazepate) can make you feel sleepy, so don't drive or do anything requiring concentration until you know how it affects you.
- Don't drink alcohol or take opioids for pain relief with Tranxene (clorazepate) since the combination can slow your breathing, which can be dangerous.
- If you've been taking Tranxene (clorazepate) for a long time, talk to your doctor if you want to stop taking it. Don't stop taking it suddenly.
- If you forget a dose of Tranxene (clorazepate), take it as soon as you remember, unless it's time for your next dose. Don't take 2 doses at the same time to make up for the missed dose.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Sleepiness

Because Tranxene (clorazepate) can make you sleepy, don't drive or do anything that requires concentration until you know how it affects you. This can be worse if you drink alcohol or take opioids for pain relief.

Withdrawal symptoms

If you've been taking Tranxene (clorazepate) for a while and want to stop taking it, talk to your doctor, since stopping it suddenly can be very dangerous. Your doctor will tell you how to stop taking it gradually so withdrawal symptoms won't happen.

Suicidal behavior

Tranxene (clorazepate), like other medicines used to control seizures, can raise the risk of suicide. If you notice unusual changes or worsening of your mood, or you feel like you want to hurt yourself after you start taking Tranxene (clorazepate), talk to your doctor right away.