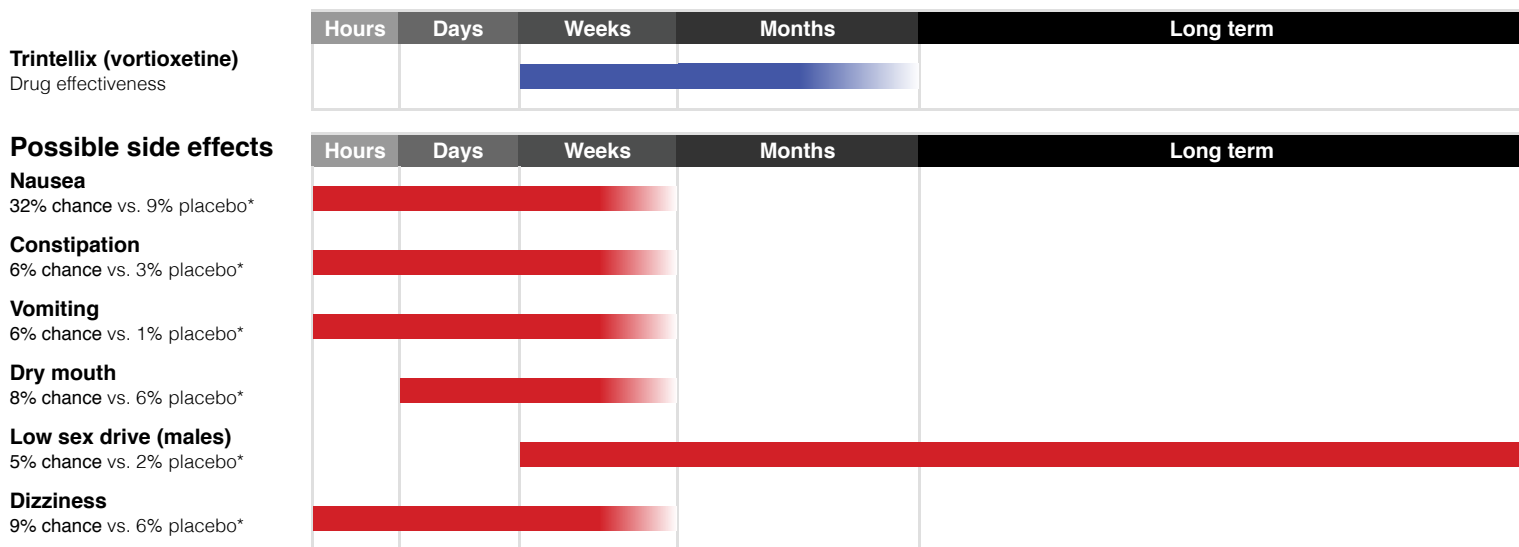


Trintellix (vortioxetine) basics

Treats depression. Trintellix (vortioxetine) causes less sexual side-effects, but more nausea than other antidepressants that work similarly.

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 with food and/or at night to reduce nausea, diarrhea, or gas.
- Trintellix (vortioxetine) used to be called Brintellix. It was renamed by manufacturer to avoid confusion with another similarly named medicine for the heart.
- Don't start any new medicines or supplements without talking to your doctor first.
- Takes about 8-12 weeks to see Trintellix (vortioxetine)'s full effects.
- Do not stop taking Trintellix (vortioxetine) suddenly because you can experience unpleasant withdrawal symptoms such as anxiety, irritability, headache, and dizziness.
- Tell your doctor if you notice sudden mood changes or unusual thoughts.

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 thoughts or behavior

Trintellix (vortioxetine) may increase the risk of suicidal thoughts or behavior. Watch for worsening depression or any unusual changes in mood, especially during the first few months of treatment or after the dose changes. Talk to your doctor right away if this happens. Trintellix (vortioxetine) is not approved for use in children under 18.

Serotonin syndrome

Serotonin syndrome is a rare but potentially life-threatening condition caused when there's too much serotonin in the brain. This is more likely if you're also taking other medicines that increase your serotonin (other antidepressants, lithium, triptans, St. John's wort, illicit drugs). Symptoms include fast heart rate, sweating, muscle stiffness or spasms, fever, and confusion. Go to the emergency room right away if you have symptoms.

Abnormal bleeding

Trintellix (vortioxetine) increases your risk for abnormal bleeding and bruising, especially if combined with non-steroidal pain relievers like ibuprofen and naproxen, aspirin, or warfarin. Let your doctor know about any medicines you're taking before starting Trintellix (vortioxetine).