

Tyvaso (treprostinil) basics

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Improves ability to exercise in pulmonary arterial hypertension. Tyvaso (treprostinil) is good for improving exercise capabilities in certain stages of pulmonary arterial hypertension, but each dose only lasts 4 hours at a time.

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
Tyvaso (treprostinil) Drug effectiveness					
Possible side effects					
Cough 62% chance vs. 35% placebo*					
Headache 47% chance vs. 27% placebo*					
Throat discomfort and pain 28% chance vs. 17% placebo*					
Nausea 22% chance vs. 13% placebo*					
Skin flushing 17% chance vs. 1% placebo*					
Fainting 7% chance vs. 1% placebo*					

* Placebo is a sugar pill with no medicinal benefit.

Tips from pharmacists

- Tyvaso (treprostinil) is inhaled and must only be used with the Tyvaso (treprostinil) Inhalation System.
- Make sure you have a backup inhalation system in case this one malfunctions during treatment.
- Make sure to use the Treatment Tracker that comes with this medicine to record the number of breaths you take during each treatment session, and to bring it with you to your appointments.
- While you're using Tyvaso (treprostinil), if the solution spills onto your skin or your eyes make sure to rinse with water right away.
- Don't open the Tyvaso (treprostinil) packet unless you're going to use it right away, and throw away any opened Tyvaso (treprostinil) packets after 7 days. Once you open the ampule and use it, throw it away at the end of the day.
- Make sure you protect Tyvaso (treprostinil) from light. Keep unopened ampules in the foil pouch.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Lung disease or infection

Tyvaso (treprostinil) has not been studied in people with severe lung diseases (asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) or infections. If you have a lung infection, your doctor will want to monitor you more closely to make sure Tyvaso (treprostinil) is still working well for you.

Low blood pressure

Tyvaso (treprostinil) widens your blood vessels, which can cause low blood pressure. Watch out for dizziness and make sure to stand up slowly to avoid fainting. Make sure to check your blood pressure regularly when taking Tyvaso (treprostinil).

Kidney and liver problems

If you have kidney or liver problems, your body won't be able to process Tyvaso (treprostinil) as well and there will be higher levels of it in your body. Let your doctor know about all your health conditions, and they will likely increase your dose of Tyvaso (treprostinil) more slowly to avoid side effects.