

Velphoro (sucroferric oxyhydroxide) basics

Lowers phosphate levels. Velphoro (sucroferric oxyhydroxide) is a great phosphate binder for people with chronic kidney disease on dialysis.

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
Velphoro (sucroferric oxyhydroxide) Drug effectiveness		[Blue bar spanning Days, Weeks, and Months]			
Possible side effects†					
Diarrhea	[Red bar]				
Darkening of stools	[Red bar]	[Red bar]			
Nausea	[Red bar]				

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Velphoro (sucroferric oxyhydroxide) must be chewed and not swallowed whole. To help with chewing and swallowing, the tablets may be crushed.
- Velphoro (sucroferric oxyhydroxide) is taken three times a day.
- Velphoro (sucroferric oxyhydroxide) only works when you eat a meal or snack. If you miss a dose, remember to take Velphoro (sucroferric oxyhydroxide) the next time you eat.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Possible high iron risk

Patients with peritonitis, stomach problems, liver disease, or issues with high iron levels were not studied in clinical studies with Velphoro (sucroferric oxyhydroxide). Your doctor will regularly check your iron levels since high iron levels can be dangerous.

Drug interactions

Combining Velphoro (sucroferric oxyhydroxide) with certain drugs can affect how the medicines work. Let your doctor know about all the medicines you are taking, especially if you take the medication levothyroxine. Velphoro (sucroferric oxyhydroxide) should not be taken with levothyroxine.