

Versed (midazolam) basics

Calms you down before medical procedures. Versed (midazolam) is given by doctors to sedate you before you have a medical procedure.

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
Versed (midazolam) Drug effectiveness	[Blue gradient bar]				
Possible side effects†	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
Drowsiness	[Red gradient bar]				

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Versed (midazolam) is only given by a doctor with other medicines to help prepare you for surgery.
- Don't drive the day after surgery since you may still feel sleepy from Versed (midazolam).
- Don't drink alcohol or take any opioids or anxiety medicines for at least 24 hours after surgery since your breathing can slow down.

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.

Breathing problems

Rarely, Versed (midazolam) given as an injection can cause breathing to slow down or stop. This is more likely to happen if you're taking opioids for pain control. You should talk to your doctor about how to manage your pain before you start surgery. During surgery, someone will be checking you constantly to make sure that your breathing is okay.

Hangover effect and sleepiness

Recovering from the sleepiness from Versed (midazolam) can take up to a day after your surgery. It can take longer to recover if you have kidney damage, heart failure, or if you're older. Don't drive or operate dangerous machinery for at least a full day after your procedure. Make sure someone is taking care of you afterwards, since you might be likely to fall.