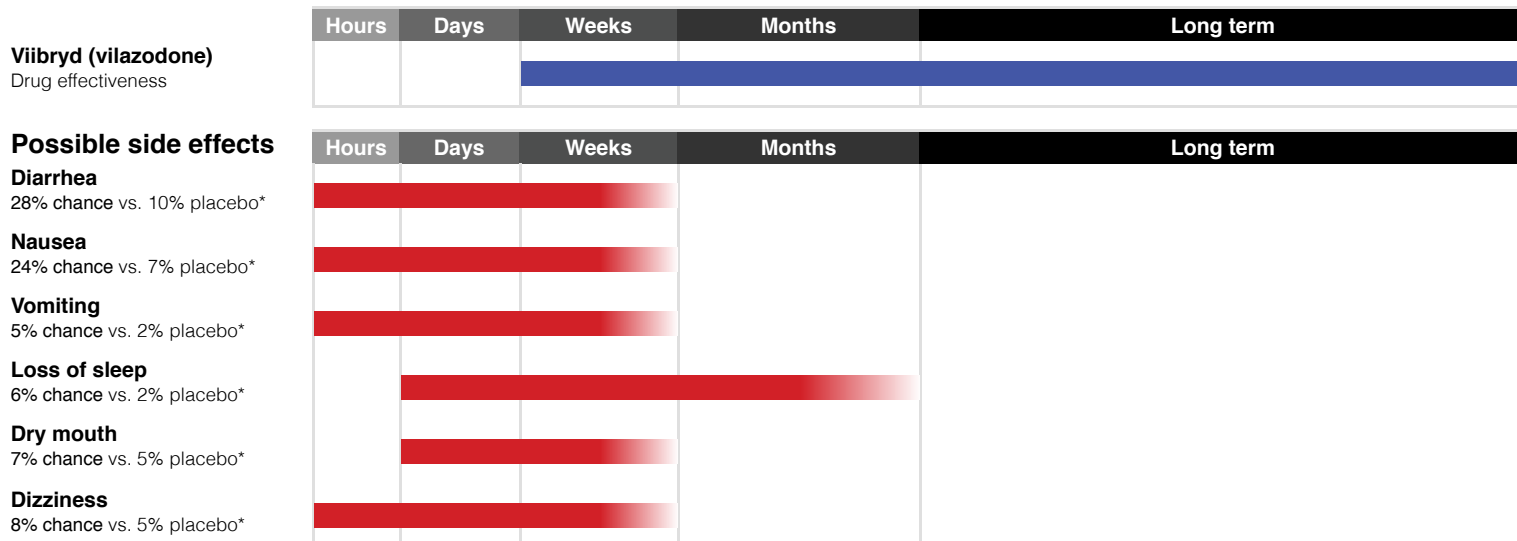


Viibryd (vilazodone) basics

Treats depression. Viibryd (vilazodone) is a good option to treat depression, but you can cause stomach irritation including diarrhea.

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 Viibryd (vilazodone) with food at the same time every day.
- Your dose will need to be increased slowly over the first 3 weeks to reduce the risk of side effects.
- It can take 4-6 weeks to see the full effects, so continue taking it even if you start to feel better.
- Don't stop taking Viibryd (vilazodone) suddenly to avoid withdrawal symptoms, which can include 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

Viibryd (vilazodone) may increase the risk of suicidal thoughts or behavior. Watch for worsening depression or any unusual changes in mood or behavior, especially during the first few months of treatment or when the dose changes. Report anything concerning to a doctor immediately. Viibryd (vilazodone) is not approved in children under 18.

Serotonin syndrome

Serotonin syndrome is a rare but potentially life-threatening condition caused when there's too much serotonin active in the brain. This is more likely if you're taking other medicines that affect serotonin. 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

The combination of antidepressants like Viibryd (vilazodone) and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (e.g. ibuprofen, naproxen), aspirin, warfarin and other drugs that affect blood clotting can increase your risk of abnormal bleeding and bruising, especially in your stomach. Let your doctor know if you take any of these medicines before starting Viibryd (vilazodone).