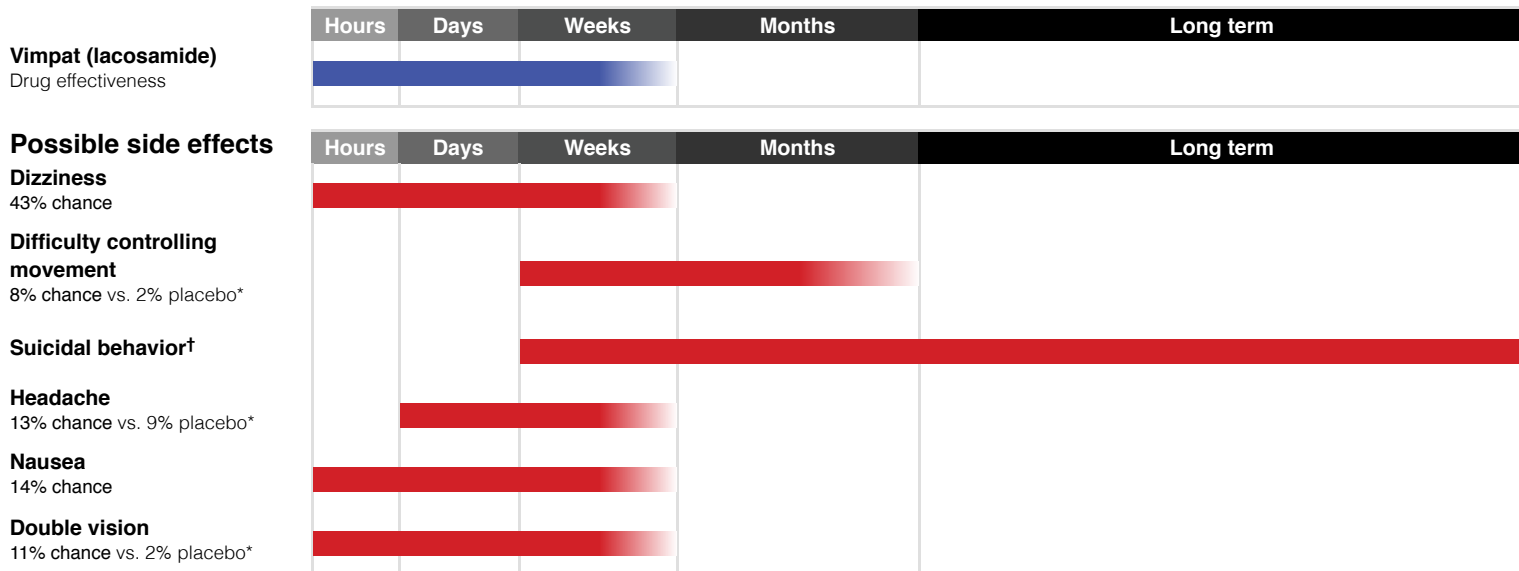


Vimpat (lacosamide) basics

Controls partial seizures. Vimpat (lacosamide) is considered a first choice medicine to control partial seizures, but it can be expensive since it's brand name.

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.

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Vimpat (lacosamide) should be kept in your pantry, not the fridge. Throw out any unused liquid after the bottle has been opened for 7 weeks.
- Vimpat (lacosamide) can make you feel sleepy the first few days you take it. Be careful driving or doing anything requiring concentration until you know how it affects you.
- Don't stop taking Vimpat (lacosamide) without talking to your doctor first. Your seizures might come back if you stop it suddenly.
- Take Vimpat (lacosamide) exactly how your doctor and pharmacist tell you. If you forget a dose, take it as soon as you remember unless it's time for your next dose, then skip it. Don't double up to make up for the missed medicine.
- You can take Vimpat (lacosamide) with or without food.
- Vimpat (lacosamide) is only used to treat partial-onset or focal seizures. It won't work for other types of seizures.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Suicidal behavior

Vimpat (lacosamide), like other medicines used to control seizures, can increase the risk of suicide. If your mood worsens and you want to hurt yourself after you start taking Vimpat (lacosamide), talk to your doctor right away.

Dizziness and difficulty controlling movements

Vimpat (lacosamide) might make you feel dizzy or have problems controlling your movements. This usually happens during the first few weeks, but goes away once your body gets used to it. Talk to your doctor if it doesn't go away or if it bothers you.

Problems with the heartbeat

Vimpat (lacosamide) can cause changes to your heart beat, which can be dangerous if you've had problems with your heart before, such as a heart attack or heart failure. This can be more of a problem if your doctor has to give you Vimpat (lacosamide) as a shot. Your doctor will have to watch your heart to make sure it stays healthy while you take Vimpat (lacosamide).