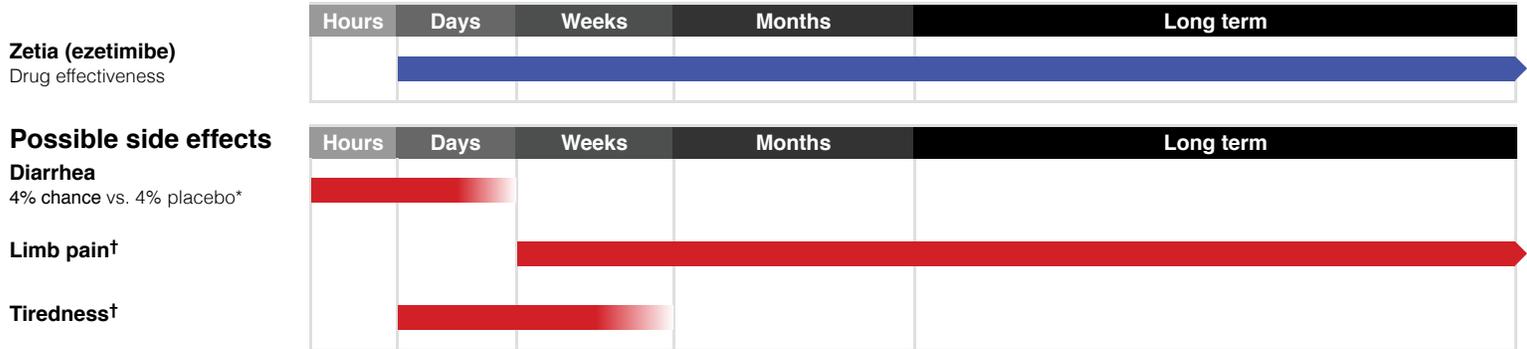


Zetia (ezetimibe) basics

Lowers cholesterol. Zetia (ezetimibe) can improve your cholesterol and can be used as an alternative to statins.

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

- Lowers bad cholesterol and raises good cholesterol.
- Tell your doctor if you develop bone or muscle pain.
- Can be used with other medications to lower cholesterol.
- Good alternative to statins if you can't tolerate statins or are unable to control cholesterol with statins alone.
- Can cause diarrhea or increase your chance of getting colds.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Harm to fetus

Talk to your doctor if you're taking Zetia (ezetimibe) and want to get pregnant

Muscle pain

People on Zetia (ezetimibe) while taking statins have reported muscle pain which may lead to muscle and kidney damage. This has been very rare. Talk to your doctor right away if you're having muscle pains or changes in the color of your urine.

Abnormal liver blood tests

Zetia (ezetimibe) can hurt your liver, especially if it is used with statins. Talk to your doctor if you have liver disease.