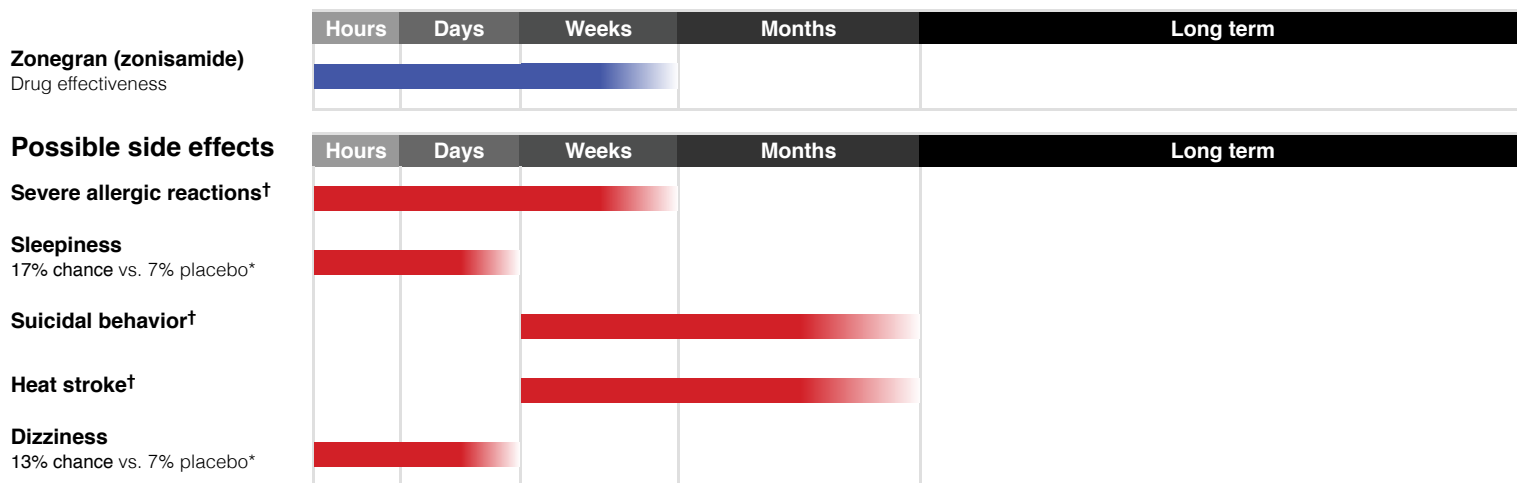


Zonegran (zonisamide) basics

Controls partial seizures. Zonegran (zonisamide) is used with other medicines to help control partial seizures. It can't be used by itself.

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

- Don't drive or do anything requiring concentration until you know how Zonegran (zonisamide) affects you since it can make you sleepy.
- You're more likely to get overheated while taking Zonegran (zonisamide). Make sure you drink plenty of liquids, don't exercise too hard, and don't stay out in the sun if it's hot out.
- Don't stop taking Zonegran (zonisamide) suddenly without talking to your doctor, as your seizures can get worse.
- Be very careful drinking alcohol or taking medicines for pain or anxiety while taking Zonegran (zonisamide) because your breathing can become dangerously slow.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Sulfa medicine allergy

If you're allergic to sulfa medicines, don't take Zonegran (zonisamide), since you might have a severe allergic reaction. Talk to your doctor or go to the emergency room right away if you notice a skin rash, high fever, or severe pain in your stomach.

Lower blood cell counts

Rarely, people taking DRUG NAME have had dangerous drops in blood cell counts. This can make you more likely to get sick or to bleed. Talk to your doctor if you get fevers more often, bleed or bruise easily, or if you have any questions.

Heat stroke and less sweating

Zonegran (zonisamide) makes it harder to control your body temperature because you're less likely to sweat. It might make you more likely to have heat stroke. Drink plenty of liquids, stay in the shade, and don't stay out in the sun too long if it's hot.