

Luvox (CR) (fluvoxamine)



What is it usually prescribed for?

Obsessive-compulsive disorder, social anxiety disorder, major depressive disorder, and other conditions.



How does it work?

Luvox helps control feelings of fear or worry and sadness. Luvox is thought to boost the brain chemical serotonin and balance the serotonin brain system.

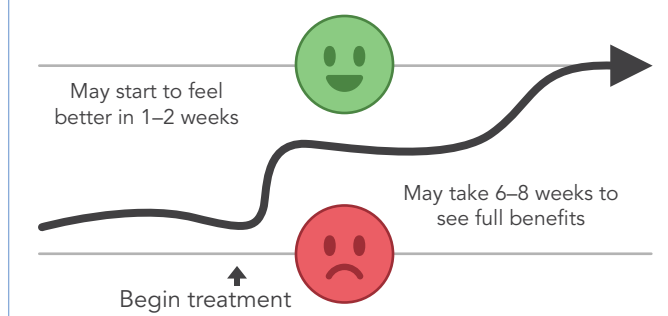


What should I expect?

It may take a few weeks for you to feel the full benefits of taking this medicine. Sleep and feelings of fear or worry may improve within the first 1–2 weeks. Other symptoms may take up to 6–8 weeks to improve fully.

Your healthcare professional will start with a low dose that is slowly increased to find the best dose that works for you. Tell your healthcare professional how it's working for you and if you have any side effects so the dose can be changed if needed.

WHEN WILL I FEEL BETTER?



Take Luvox exactly as prescribed to get the full benefit of this medicine.



Will I have side effects?

You may or may not have side effects when taking Luvox. Most side effects are immediate but go away with time. The chance of side effects increases with larger doses. Luvox may have a smaller chance of sexual side effects than medicines in the same class.

What are common side effects and what can I do to feel better?

If your side effects are mild, talk to your healthcare professional about them at your next appointment.

	Drink plenty of water	Drink less caffeine and alcohol	Do more exercise	Healthcare professional suggestion
Diarrhea	X	X		
Feeling very tired	X	X	X	
Dry mouth	X	X		
Feeling nervous		X	X	
Trouble sleeping		X	X	
Headache	X	X	X	
Sweating	X			

Note: This is not a complete list of side effects; other side effects are possible. Before starting Luvox, tell your healthcare professional about all the medicines you are taking to avoid unexpected side effects.



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YOU'RE NOT ALONE!

In 2020, medicines in the same class as Luvox were prescribed over 38.2 million times in the United States.






What should I avoid?

Don't start any new medicines, over-the-counter drugs, or herbal remedies without talking to your healthcare professional first. There are interactions with medicines that may increase your chance of side effects.

Do not suddenly stop taking Luvox unless your healthcare professional has told you to, because it can cause dizziness, nausea, stomach cramps, sweating, and other negative feelings.

Use less alcohol and recreational drugs. They may decrease the benefits of Luvox and increase the chance of side effects.

WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER

-  It may take up to a few weeks for you to feel the full benefits of taking this medicine
-  Tell your healthcare professional about any troubling side effects so that you can work together to address them
-  Do not suddenly stop taking this medicine unless told to do so by your healthcare professional
-  Don't start any new medicines, over-the-counter drugs, or herbal remedies without talking to your healthcare professional
-  Get medical care right away if you have serious side effects



When should I call a healthcare professional right away or visit the emergency room?

If you have any **serious** side effects. Here are some examples of serious side effects:

- Thoughts of suicide or are planning to hurt yourself
- Racing thoughts, decreased need for sleep, unusual risk-taking behavior
- Blurred vision, eye pain or redness, seeing halos around lights
- Easy bruising or unusual bleeding
- Headache, confusion, problems with thinking or memory, weakness, feeling unsteady
- Seizure (convulsions)

If you think there has been an overdose, call your poison control center (800-222-1222) or get medical care right away.



Where can I get more help?

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) – [nami.org](https://www.nami.org)

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline – Call 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Crisis Text Line – Text "HELLO" to 741741



Notes and questions for my next appointment

