

Nicotine lozenges, a form of FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapy (NRT), will help you quit tobacco and control cravings when used correctly. Cravings occur when you are triggered by something that reminds you of using tobacco, such as a person, thought, feeling or an activity.¹ When possible, use a lozenge before nicotine cravings begin.

How to Use Nicotine Lozenges

- Use one lozenge in your mouth every 2 hours as needed.
- Rest or “tuck” the lozenge inside your cheek next to the tooth gum line.
- Let the lozenge dissolve or melt inside the cheek slowly. You can move the lozenge from one side of your mouth to the other as it dissolves.² Do not chew, suck or swallow the lozenge.

Tips for Success

- Lozenges come in two different strengths: 2 milligram (mg) and 4mg.
- The dose you need depends on when you first use tobacco each day, how much tobacco you currently use, and whether you use the lozenge in combination with the nicotine patch. If you have questions about dosing, talk with your health care provider or pharmacist.
- Only use one lozenge at a time. Do not use one lozenge right after another.²
- Do not eat or drink 15 minutes before using lozenges or while using lozenges.
- Avoid acidic food and drinks, like coffee and soda, which can stop the lozenge from working properly.²
- Lozenges are a form of short-acting NRT that when used in combination with long-acting NRT, such as the patch, can be even more effective in reducing withdrawal symptoms.

Potential Side Effects

- Irritation inside mouth, nausea, sore throat and dizziness are common side effects you might experience while using nicotine lozenges.
- Let your health care provider or pharmacist know if you experience any side effects.
- Not using lozenges correctly can cause side effects to occur. Follow instructions.

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KEY POINTS

- **Nicotine lozenges will help you quit tobacco when used correctly.**
- **Nicotine lozenges should dissolve or melt slowly inside your cheek; do not chew, suck or swallow the lozenge.**

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