

## Table 4: Erectile Dysfunction Medications

THERAPY	ONSET OF ACTION	DURATION	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES	APPROXIMATE COST*
<b>▼ Oral medications</b>					
avanafil (Stendra)	15–30 minutes	Up to 6 hours	Very effective (about 70%); few side effects	Cannot be used by men taking nitrates or those with unstable cardiovascular disease	\$53 per pill (no generic)
sildenafil (Viagra)	30–60 minutes	4–5 hours			\$50–\$60 per pill (generic, \$1.20)
tadalafil (36-hour Cialis)	30–45 minutes	24–36 hours			\$106 per pill (generic, \$1.20)
vardenafil (Levitra, Staxyn)	15–30 minutes (Staxyn may work slightly faster)	4–5 hours (Staxyn may last up to 6 hours)			\$11 per pill (no generic)
tadalafil (Cialis for daily use)	Steady low dose in bloodstream	Any time sexual arousal occurs			Effectiveness varies depending on dose (2.5 mg or 5 mg) and ranges from 27% for severe ED to 82% for mild ED