

▼ This medicine is subject to additional monitoring. This will allow quick identification of new safety information. You can help by reporting any side effects you may get. You can report side effects to your doctor, or directly at www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems.

Radicava[®]
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Understanding your treatment with RADICAVA[®] IV infusion

This booklet will help you understand what to expect during your treatment journey and provides important information to help you feel prepared

This material is intended for adults with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) who have been prescribed RADICAVA IV infusion.

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What is ALS?

ALS is the most common type of motor neurone disease (MND), affecting nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord that are responsible for voluntary movement. As these nerve cells weaken and die, messages can no longer travel from the brain to the muscles, causing them to weaken and waste away. ALS most commonly starts in a limb (arm or leg) and progresses over time to other parts of the body.¹

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ALS starts in the brain and spinal cord by affecting nerve cells called motor neurons.

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These neurons connect the brain to the spinal cord and then to the muscles in your body.

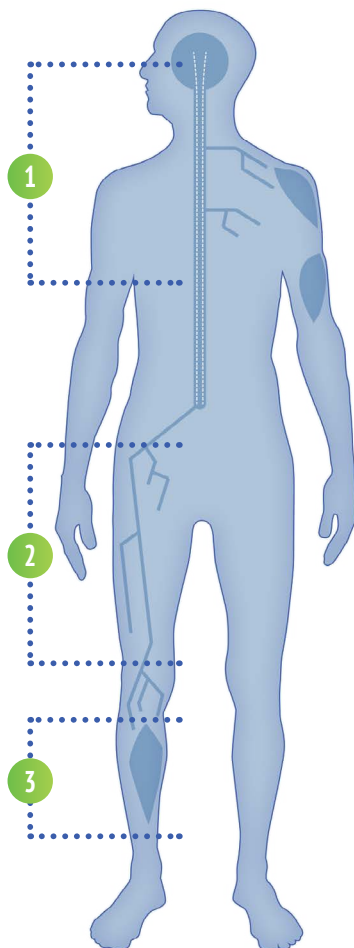
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Motor neurons are crucial for communication between your brain and muscles, allowing you to move, chew, breathe, and walk.

Amyotrophic: No muscle nourishment

Lateral: Side (of the spine)

Sclerosis: Hardening or scarring



ALS progresses at different rates for each person

How might RADICAVA IV infusion help?

What is RADICAVA IV infusion?

RADICAVA IV infusion is a prescription medicine used to treat patients with ALS. RADICAVA IV infusion is indicated in adults with a diagnosis of ALS who are independent in activities of daily living with normal respiratory function and where treatment is initiated within two years of disease onset.²

Efficacy has not been demonstrated in patients outside of this defined population.²

How does it work?

RADICAVA IV infusion contains the active ingredient edaravone which is understood to protect nerve cells from damage by removing harmful substances called free radicals.²

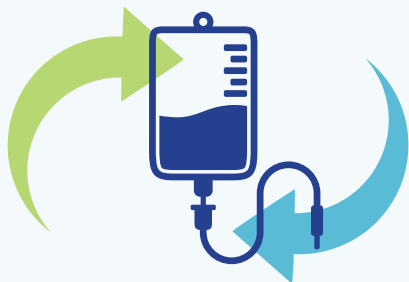


How will I receive treatment?

RADICAVA IV infusion will be given into a vein as an infusion (drip):^{2,3}

- The infusion will take 1 hour
- You will be monitored during your treatment

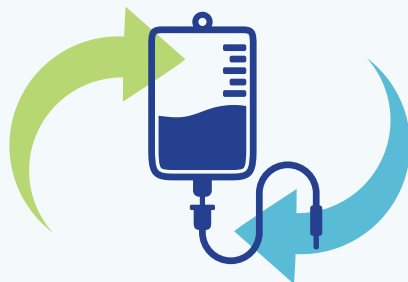
RADICAVA IV infusion is given in the following cycles to help manage your ALS:²



First Cycle

14 consecutive days on
14 consecutive days off

The first cycle includes 14 days of daily infusions, followed by a 14-day drug-free period.²



Ongoing Cycles

10 out of 14 days on
14 consecutive days off

Subsequent cycles consist of 10 days of infusions within a 14-day period, followed by a 14-day drug-free period.²

You and your doctor will decide how long you will remain on RADICAVA IV infusion



Getting ready for your infusion

As you prepare for your treatment days, here are some helpful tips:



Plan for comfort: Choose loose-fitting attire and consider bringing a pillow or blanket.



Stay hydrated: Drink plenty of water the day before and the day of your infusion. Remember to bring a water bottle with you.



Bring something enjoyable: Pack items to keep you entertained, e.g. headphones for music, a tablet or book, crossword puzzles.



What side effects might I experience?

All medicines can have side effects. If you do experience any side effects, most of them are minor and temporary. However, some side effects may need medical attention.²

Less serious side effects

The most common side effects of RADICAVA IV infusion include bruising, walking problems and headache.²

Other less serious side effects may include:²



Fungal infections such as tinea



Skin rash, itchy skin, or skin inflammation



Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath



Sugar in the urine in test results



Speak to your doctor or nurse if you have any of these less serious side effects.²



Serious side effects

Hypersensitivity (allergic) reactions may occur while taking RADICAVA IV infusion. Symptoms associated with hypersensitivity/allergic reactions:²



Asthma attack (in people with asthma)



Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing



Wheezing



Dizziness



Fainting



Swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body



Rash, itching or hives on the skin

Inform your doctor or nurse immediately if you experience any of these symptoms.²

Supporting your loved one with ALS: A guide for carers

Treatment support



Manage treatment schedules: Help track treatment schedules and appointments using a calendar or reminder system.



Ask questions: Encourage questions about treatment, side effects, and expectations. Ask your own questions to understand their needs.



Organise transport: Arrange transport for appointments and look into financial assistance for travel.



During treatment days: Plan something enjoyable afterward to help them relax.

Taking care of yourself as a carer

Caring for someone with ALS can be demanding, so it's important to look after yourself.

- **Take breaks:** Schedule self-care, rest and enjoyable activities.
- **Ask for help:** Seek support from family, friends or professionals with daily tasks.
- **Seek respite care:** Use respite services to recharge.
- **Stay healthy:** Prioritise good nutrition, exercise and sleep.
- **Talk to someone:** Share your feelings with family, friends or a support group to manage stress.



Contacting your MND association

MND Associations provide support for people living with ALS and their carers and families, which may include education, information, equipment access, support groups, and guidance on navigating healthcare and government services. To learn more about MND services, contact:

MND Info Line: 1800 777 175 (9am to 4.30pm Monday - Friday)



For additional information and resources, visit the MND Australia website at www.mndaustralia.org.au or by scanning the QR code.





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This booklet is for informational purposes only and is not a substitute for medical advice. For more information about your condition or treatment, please consult your healthcare team.

More information on RADICAVA IV infusion is available in the Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) at <https://rss.medsinfo.com.au/tb/cmi.cfm?product=tbradic> or by scanning the QR code.

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