

Edaravone: Patient drug information

Brand Names: US: Radicava

What is this drug used for?

•It is used to treat amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is a disease that damages the nerves that control muscles. This causes the muscles to weaken. The muscles slowly stop working, leaving the person unable to move (called "paralysis").

What do I need to tell my doctor BEFORE I take this drug?

•If you are allergic to this drug; any part of this drug; or any other drugs, foods, or substances. Tell your doctor about the allergy and what signs you had.

What are some things I need to know or do while I take this drug?

- Tell all of your health care providers that you take this drug. This includes your doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and dentists.
- If you are allergic to sulfites, talk with your doctor. Some products have sulfites.

What are some side effects that I need to call my doctor about right away?

- Signs of an allergic reaction, like rash; hives; itching; red, swollen, blistered, or peeling skin with or without fever; wheezing; tightness in the chest or throat; trouble breathing, swallowing, or talking; unusual hoarseness; or swelling of the mouth, face, lips, tongue, or throat.
- Shortness of breath.
- Dizziness or passing out.
- Bruising.
- Change in balance or gait.

What are some other side effects of this drug?

All drugs may cause side effects. However, many people have no side effects or only have minor side effects. Call your doctor or get medical help if any of these side effects or any other side effects bother you or do not go away:

- Headache.
- Skin irritation (dermatitis, eczema, fungal infection).

How is this drug best taken?

- It is given as an infusion into a vein over a period of time. The initial cycle is daily for 14 days, followed by a 14-day drug-free period. For subsequent cycles, it is daily for 10 days within a 14-day period, followed by a 14-day drug-free period.