

# Understanding treatment with RADICAVA® IV Infusion

A resource for people  
with amyotrophic lateral  
sclerosis (ALS) that  
have been prescribed  
RADICAVA® IV



<sup>Pr</sup> **Radicava**®  
(edaravone) IV infusion  
30mg/100mL

# Getting started

This booklet is designed to give you more information about what you can expect from treatment with RADICAVA® IV and provide you with information to help you communicate more effectively with members of your healthcare team.

Remember that the more you know, the better equipped you will be to make informed decisions about your health.



*Keep in mind that this booklet is not meant to substitute any guidance, advice or help provided by your healthcare team*

# About ALS

ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive, neurological (nervous system) disease that affects nerve cells (motor neurons) in the brain and spinal cord.

ALS attacks motor neurons that control muscles of the body, leading to progressive weakness and disability. When these cells die, voluntary muscle control and movement become impaired.

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

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Motor neurons extend from the brain to the spinal cord and from the spinal cord to voluntary muscles throughout the body.

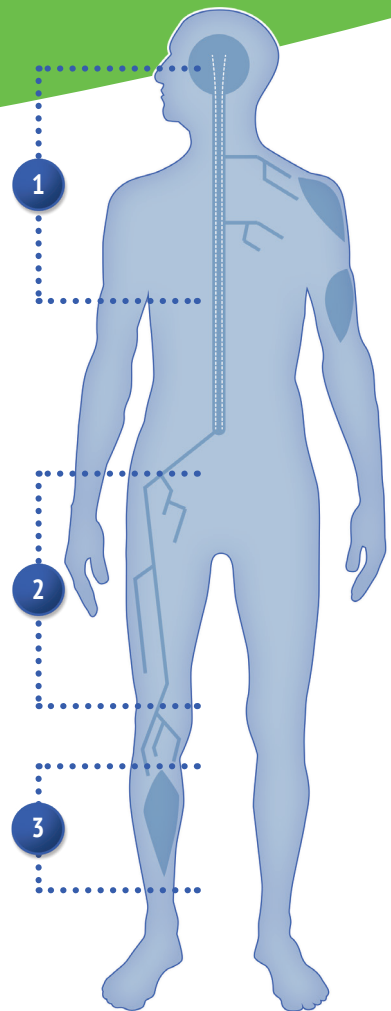
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Motor neurons provide a vital line of communication between the brain and muscles, which produce movements like walking, chewing, breathing and talking.

**Amyotrophic:** No muscle nourishment

**Lateral:** Side (of the spine)

**Sclerosis:** Scarring or hardening





# Get to know RADICAVA® IV

## What is RADICAVA® IV?

PrRADICAVA® (edaravone) IV infusion is a prescription medicine used to treat patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

## How does RADICAVA® IV work?

The exact way in which RADICAVA® IV works in the body in people with ALS is unknown. RADICAVA® IV slows the loss of physical function including speech, swallowing, handwriting, cutting food and others.



## What you should tell your healthcare professional before using RADICAVA® IV

To help avoid side effects and ensure proper use, talk to your healthcare professional before receiving RADICAVA® IV and tell them about any health conditions or problems you may have, including if you:

- Have asthma
- Are allergic to other medicines or sulfites
- Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant
  - It is unknown if RADICAVA® IV will harm your unborn baby
- Are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed
  - It is not known if RADICAVA® IV will pass into your breastmilk
  - You and your healthcare professional should decide if you will receive RADICAVA® IV or breastfeed

You should also tell your healthcare professional about all the medicines you are taking, including any drugs, vitamins, natural supplements or alternative medicines.

*Do not use RADICAVA® IV if you are allergic to edaravone or any of the ingredients in RADICAVA® IV, including sulfites*



Medicinal ingredient: Edaravone

Non-medicinal ingredients include: L-cysteine hydrochloride hydrate, sodium bisulfite, sodium chloride, phosphoric acid, and sodium hydroxide, water for injection

**For more information, refer to the leaflet you have received.**

If you are not sure, talk to your healthcare professional before using RADICAVA® IV.

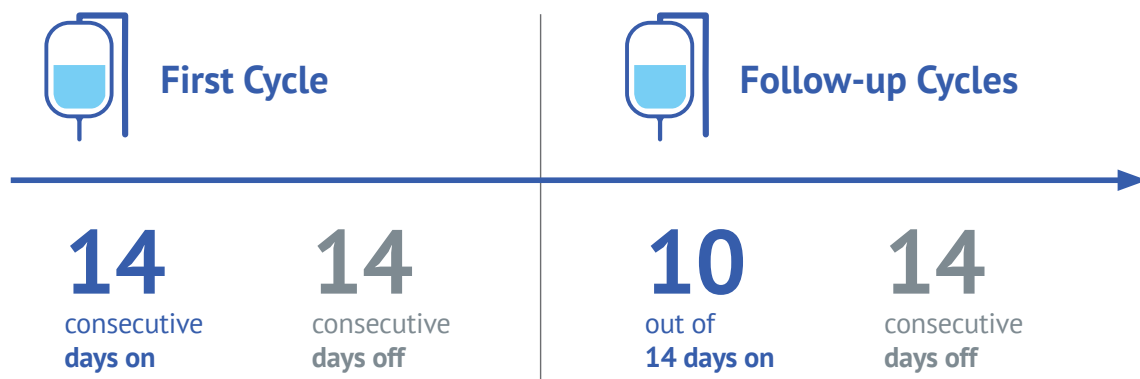
# How you will be treated with RADICAVA® IV

RADICAVA® IV will be given as an intravenous (IV) infusion. This means that the medicine will be infused directly into the vein.

- It takes about 1 hour to receive the full dose of RADICAVA® IV
- You will be closely monitored during your treatment with RADICAVA® IV

Your healthcare professional will determine your dose.

The usual dose for RADICAVA® IV is:



- An initial treatment cycle with a daily dose of RADICAVA® IV for 14 days, followed by a 14-day drug-free period
- Follow-up treatment cycles where you will receive RADICAVA® IV for 10 out of 14 days followed by a 14-day drug-free period

*You and your healthcare professional will decide how long you will remain on RADICAVA® IV*

Talk to your healthcare professional to see what options are appropriate for you.

**You may receive RADICAVA® IV at:**



Home



An infusion centre



A doctor's office



***Need a reminder?***

*To help you keep track of your infusion appointments, use an electronic device that can provide you with a reminder*

# What to do in the event of an overdose

If you think you have been given too much RADICAVA® IV, contact your healthcare professional, emergency department or regional Poison Control Centre immediately – even if you don't experience any symptoms.





# What to expect before treatment

## Tips to help prepare for your infusion

Remember that your treatment will last approximately 1 hour.

On days you are to receive treatment, consider:



### Dressing comfortably

Wear relaxed, loose-fitting clothing



### Bringing water and/or a snack

Staying hydrated may make it easier to find a vein

## Bringing items with you to make you more comfortable and to help pass the time, such as:



A pillow/blanket



Headphones



A tablet



Crossword puzzles



A book

# What are the possible side effects from using RADICAVA® IV?

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

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# Serious side effects and what to do about them

You should stop taking RADICAVA® IV immediately and get immediate medical help if you experience any symptom of a hypersensitivity (allergic) reaction or sulfite allergic reaction, including:



Hives



Breathing problems



Itching



Swelling of the lips,  
tongue and/or face



Dizziness



Wheezing



Fainting



Asthma attack (in people  
with asthma)

Your healthcare professional may decide not to continue with RADICAVA® IV treatment if you have an allergic reaction.

*Keep in mind that these are not all the possible side effects you may experience with RADICAVA® IV.*

*If you have a troublesome symptom or side effect that is not listed here or becomes bad enough to interfere with your daily activities, be sure to speak to your healthcare professional.*

# Support throughout the treatment journey



**MTP Patient Support®** is a program made up of Nurse/Case Managers and Reimbursement Specialists who work together as a dedicated team to help people prescribed RADICAVA® IV.

MTP Patient Support® services include:

- Providing education about RADICAVA® IV
- Navigating your insurance coverage options
- Coordinating FVC testing to determine insurance coverage eligibility
- Conducting ALSFRS-R tests to determine insurance coverage eligibility
- Facilitating financial support for co-pay
- Arranging medication/supply orders
- Providing assistance with administering treatment (as required)
- Conducting follow-up calls after each treatment cycle



## Have questions?

Feel free to contact MTP Patient Support® at any point during your treatment via:

☎ **1-833-211-MTPT (6878)** ✉ **MTP@innomar-strategies.com**

The MTP Patient Support® team is available  
Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–8 p.m. ET

## Additional resources

*Whether you want to learn more about ALS or seek support from the experience of others, feel free to reach out to the following organizations:*

**ALS Society of Canada**  
[www.als.ca](http://www.als.ca) | 1-800-267-4257 (Toll-free)

**The ALS Association**  
[www.alsa.org](http://www.alsa.org)

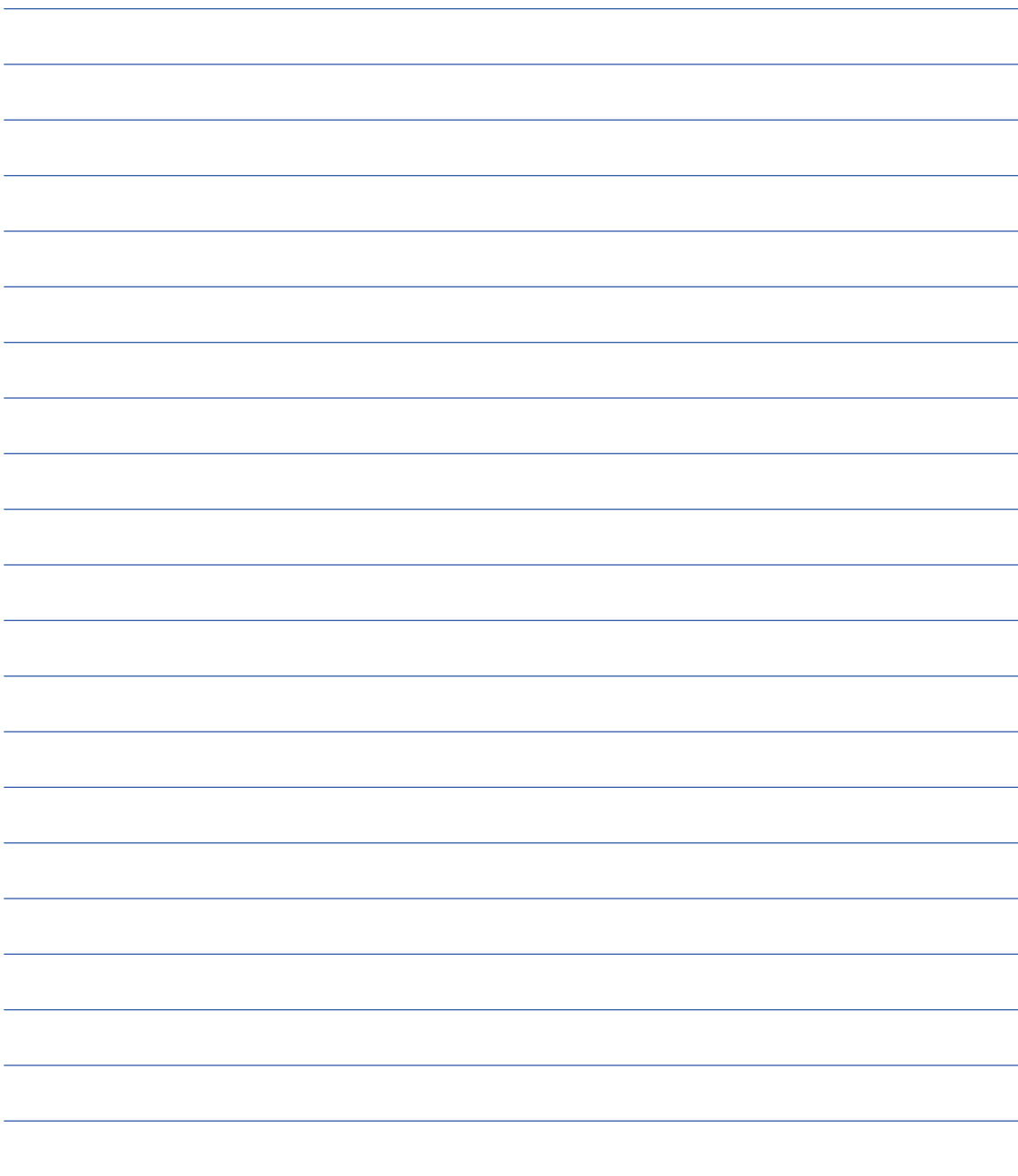


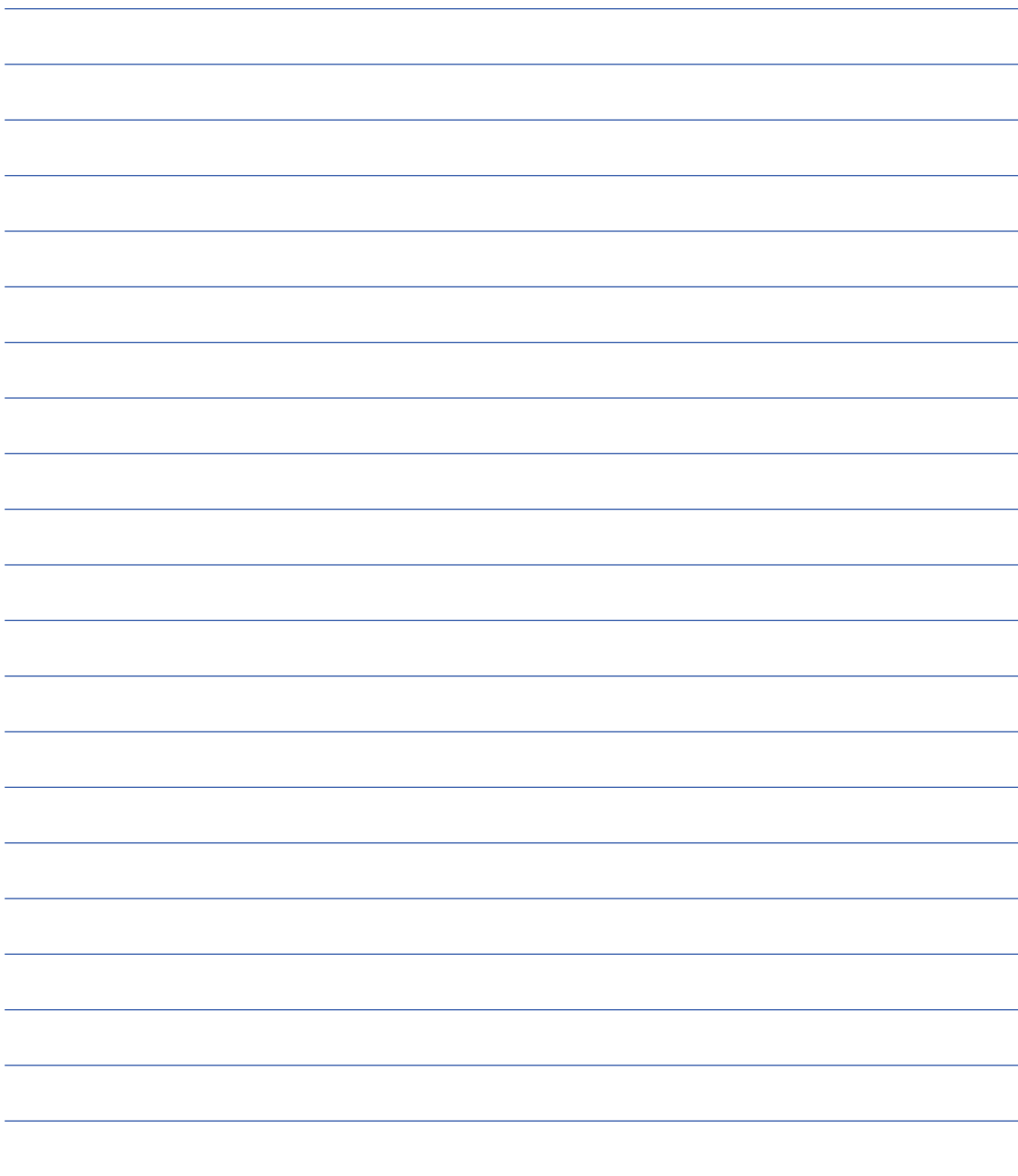
## Take note

It may be difficult to remember everything your healthcare professional has told you. Use this section of the booklet to record any questions you may have for your healthcare professional and answers you receive.

Feel free to bring this booklet to your appointments. You may also want to consider bringing a loved one to help take notes as well.

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