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EDARAVONE (RADICAVA) INFORMATION

Edaravone is a free radical scavenger that is believed to relieve the effects of oxidative stress, a likely factor in the onset and progression of ALS. Oxidative stress is thought to be an imbalance between the production of free radicals and the ability of the body to counteract or detoxify their harmful effects. In patients with ALS, there are consistent increases in oxidative stress biomarkers.

FDA approval for Edaravone, also known as Radicava, was given on Friday afternoon, May 5, 2017. FDA authorization was granted to Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma America, Inc. to manufacture and distribute this important medication that has already provided systemic benefit to many with ALS in Japan, India, and to smaller patient groups in at least 16 other countries, including the US.

The majority of those who have been using Edaravone for more than one year have achieved benefits that outweigh the challenges involved in its administration. Edaravone, or Radicava, requires a PICC line or Port-A-Cath for daily intravenous (IV) injection and can take up to an hour for the daily infusion to be completed. For most, this is achieved in-home and soon becomes an acceptable part of their daily routine.

Prescription Infusion Information

1. In order to make an informed decision about the usage of Radicava, learn what is involved in procuring a PICC line or Port-A-Cath by reviewing this document: [Stanford Hospital Patient Information](#)
2. Register on www.Radicava.com
3. Discuss the installation of the PICC line or Port-A-Cath with your local neurologist or physician. Request installation of PICC line or Port-a-Cath for daily IV infusion up to 150 mL edaravone/saline mix. .
4. Contact your insurance company concerning their coverage for Radicava.
5. You will need an infusion prescription from your physician or neurologist in order to purchase daily IV infusion supplies for 60 mL edaravone in 150mL – 250 mL saline solution, necessary tubing and clamps for drip regulation to be infused over 45 minute to 90 minute period once daily

[FDA News Release](#)

[Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma Corp news release of estimated infusion cost.](#)