

MITSUBISHI TANABE PHARMA CANADA ANNOUNCES THAT COMPANY'S ORAL TREATMENT FORMULATION FOR AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS) HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE PROVINCIAL DRUG PLAN IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

TORONTO, ON, August 18, 2023 – Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma Canada (MTP-CA), a subsidiary of Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma America, Inc. (MTPA), today announced that RADICAVA® Oral Suspension (edaravone) is now covered under British Columbia PharmaCare (special authority) for the treatment of people living with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), a rapidly progressive, neurodegenerative disease.¹

“We are extremely grateful to the Government of British Columbia for their decision to make RADICAVA® Oral Suspension available to those who are eligible for coverage under BC PharmaCare,” said Andy Zylak, President, MTP-CA. “This is excellent news for the province's ALS community and we will continue to collaborate with decision makers to help ensure that RADICAVA® Oral Suspension is made available through all publicly funded drug plans.”

The efficacy of RADICAVA® Oral Suspension, is based on a bioavailability/bioequivalence study comparing it to RADICAVA® IV, which was authorized by Health Canada for the treatment of people with ALS in October 2018 and has shown in a pivotal trial to slow the loss of physical function in ALS by 33%.^{2,3} RADICAVA® IV Infusion is currently available and reimbursed through public formularies in all provinces and territories across Canada, as well as Veterans Affairs Canada, Indigenous Services Canada and Correctional Service Canada.

According to the ALS Society of Canada, an estimated 3,000 Canadians are currently living with ALS⁴, an incurable disease that affects the nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord.⁵ The majority of people with ALS die within two to five years of diagnosis.⁶ Symptoms of the condition can be subtle at first, and it can take an average of 21 months to receive a diagnosis of ALS in Canada.^{7,8}

“With a progressive disease like ALS, equitable and timely access to all approved treatment options that could benefit people living with ALS is crucial” said Wendy Toyer, Executive Director, ALS Society of British Columbia. “We applaud the Government of British Columbia’s decision to reimburse RADICAVA® Oral Suspension and we urge other provinces to move quickly and give people living with ALS across the country the same opportunity.”

In addition to British Colombia, RADICAVA® Oral Suspension is also listed on the public drug plans in Ontario, Alberta and Québec. To date, it is estimated that the majority of private insurance plans in the country cover RADICAVA® Oral Suspension. MTP-CA continues to have discussions with other provinces, territories, and federal agencies regarding the listing of RADICAVA® Oral Suspension under additional publicly funded drug programs.

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About RADICAVA® IV and RADICAVA® Oral Suspension (edaravone)

RADICAVA® IV and RADICAVA® Oral Suspension are indicated for the treatment of patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Edaravone was discovered and developed for ALS by Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma Corporation (MTPC) through an iterative clinical development platform over a 13-year period. In 2015, edaravone was approved for use as a treatment for ALS in Japan and South Korea. RADICAVA® was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in May of 2017. Marketing authorization for RADICAVA® IV Infusion was granted in Canada (October 2018), Switzerland (January 2019), Indonesia (July 2020), Thailand (April 2021), and Malaysia (December 2021).

RADICAVA® ORS (edaravone) was approved by the U.S. FDA in May 2022. RADICAVA® Oral Suspension (edaravone) was authorized by Health Canada in November 2022.

About Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma Canada, Inc.

Based in Toronto, Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma Canada, Inc. (MTP-CA) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma America, Inc. (MTPA) with a goal to provide therapies for some of the most difficult-to-treat diseases, including ALS. For more information, please visit www.mt-pharma-ca.com.

About Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma America, Inc.

Based in Jersey City, N.J., Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma America, Inc. (MTPA) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma Corporation (MTPC). It was established by MTPC to develop and advance our pipeline as well as commercialize approved pharmaceutical products in North America. For more information, please visit www.mt-pharma-america.com or follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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