

## **RILUTEK (riluzole)**

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**Rilutek** is used in the palliative treatment of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) to extend survival and/or time to tracheostomy

**Authorization:** patients diagnosed with ALS

**Dosing:** 50mg every 12 hours, one hour before or two hours after a meal; little or no benefit to increased doses

**PRECAUTIONS:** use with caution in patients with liver disease; neutropenia; hypersensitivity pneumonitis; nausea; abdominal pain; constipation or diarrhea; methemoglobinemia; asthenia

**DRUG INTERACTIONS:** none reported

### **REFERENCES**

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