

Medication Information Card

Gold

Other names for this medication

Auranofin
Sodium Aurothiomalate
Ridaura[®]
Myochrysine[®]

There are many other names for this medication.

How this medication works

This medication is used to treat arthritis symptoms such as swelling, stiffness and joint pain.

It may take up to 6 months for the medication to begin to work fully.

How to take this medication

Take this medication exactly as directed by your doctor.
This medication can be taken by mouth or given by an injection into a muscle.

It is important to see your doctor regularly while taking this medication.
You will need to have blood tests while taking this medication.

How to take this medication (continued)

If you miss a dose of this medication, take it as soon as possible. However, if it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular schedule. Do not take 2 doses at one time.

Capsule: Take this medication with food and a glass of water.

Injection: At first you will have an injection once a week. After a few months, the injections may be given only once a month.

While taking this medication you may notice

- diarrhea
- nausea or vomiting
- upset stomach
- metallic taste
- dizziness
- redness of face
- increased sweating
- muscle pain
- your skin is more sensitive to sunlight

Most of these effects will go away as your body gets used to the medication.

Joint pain may get worse 1 to 2 days after the injection, then improve.

To avoid feeling dizzy, get up slowly when you have been sitting or lying down. If you feel dizzy, sit or lie down until you are no longer dizzy, then get up slowly.

Until you know how this medication affects you, do not drive or operate machinery.

If your skin becomes more sensitive to sunlight avoid direct sunlight. While in the sun, wear sunscreen and sunglasses that block ultraviolet (UV) light, a hat and clothing that covers your skin.

Contact your doctor if you notice

- mouth sores
- stomach pain
- itchy skin
- hives or a skin rash
- signs of bleeding such as easy bruising, nosebleeds, black or bloody stools, red urine
- signs of infection such as fever, chills or sore throat
- cloudy urine
- yellowing of your skin or the whites of your eyes