

## RADICUT FAQs

*For people with ALS/MND seeking access to Radicut in Japan*

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The following are our sincere responses/answers as an Organization (JALSA) to inquiries/questions at present.

Please be advised that some of what we discuss involves risks. Please also understand that our organization cannot provide any support regarding the care or travel of particular individuals, nor do we offer any guarantees regarding the information relayed or take any responsibility for outcomes.

### **1: For a person who wants to import Radicut**

Please understand that Radicut is a drug for medical use, and cannot be obtained by individuals or organizations apart from medical facilities in Japan. Medical facilities in Japan can obtain Radicut and export it.

There are no particularly strict rules regarding the export of drugs by medical facilities from Japan, but it is likely that different countries will have stricter rules regarding their import, so we urge you to check the rules in your country and make the necessary arrangements in advance.

Please note that Radicut is given intravenously, so when it comes to administering this drug, the cooperation of a local medical professional is necessary.

### **2: For a person interested in visiting Japan to receive treatment**

If you are interested in visiting Japan to receive treatment, we recommend that you contact a medical facility directly to make the necessary arrangements. The following information will be helpful for you.

There is a system of visas for medical stays in Japan. Here is a link where you can find more information about these visas:

[http://www.mofa.go.jp/j\\_info/visit/visa/medical\\_stay.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/medical_stay.html)

The following sites can also be accessed via the page linked to above, but we also include them here for your reference:

List of Registered Guarantors (Medical Coordinators etc.) (English)

[http://www.mofa.go.jp/j\\_info/visit/visa/medical\\_stay2.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/medical_stay2.html)

List of Registered Guarantors (Travel Agencies) (English)

[http://www.mofa.go.jp/j\\_info/visit/visa/medical\\_stay3.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/medical_stay3.html)

As we mentioned, Radicut is not a cure or treatment for ALS but rather a drug used to slow the progression of the disease in early-stage patients. This is something that must be clearly understood.

Coming to Japan and entering a hospital for treatment carries various risks, such as that the major changes in living/treatment environment may cause a patient's health to fail or his/her symptoms to progress.

This concludes our response to common inquiries, but please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything else you would like to know.

Best regards,

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