

## Rheutopia [Roo-TOH-pee-ah] (also known as arixalate)

### Uses

- Rheumatoid arthritis in adults. Rheutopia reduces painful and swollen joints, slows joint damage, and improves mobility and the ability to do physical activities.
- Polyarticular juvenile rheumatoid arthritis in children at least 4 years old who did not have good results from other medicines. Rheutopia reduces pain, improves mobility, and decreases the number of painful joints.
- Ankylosing spondylitis. Rheutopia reduces back pain, swelling, and improves mobility.
- Plaque psoriasis in adults who may benefit from taking medicine or receiving phototherapy (using ultraviolet light). Rheutopia improves or clears up areas of skin with psoriasis.

### Important Warning: Serious Infections

- Rheutopia affects the immune system. It can lower your ability to fight infections. Do not use Rheutopia if you have an active infection.
- People taking Rheutopia have gotten serious infections including tuberculosis (TB) and infections caused by viruses, fungi, or bacteria. Some people have died from these infections.

### Tell Your Doctor

**Before using Rheutopia**, tell your doctor if you:

- have an infection, are being treated for an infection, or think you have an infection (such as a cold, flu or skin infection).
- have TB or have been near someone who has TB. You may be tested and treated for TB.
- have any nervous system or heart problems.
- have lived in or traveled to other countries. There is more risk for getting TB or other infections in certain countries.
- have been recently been vaccinated or are scheduled to receive a vaccination (including a flu shot). You should not get a vaccination while taking Rheutopia.
- are taking the medicine Kineret (anakinra). The risk of serious infections increases when used with Rheutopia.

### Call Your Doctor

**Stop using Rheutopia** and tell your doctor right away if you develop:

- Fever, cough, flu-like symptoms, skin infection (red, warm, painful skin or open sores). These can be symptoms of a serious infection.
- Numbness, tingling, weakness, vision problems, or dizziness. Symptoms of nervous system diseases, like multiple sclerosis, may develop or get worse.
- Chills, swollen lymph nodes, night sweats, fever, or weight loss. You may have a higher chance of getting lymph node cancer.
- Bruising, bleeding, and pale skin. Your body may not make enough blood cells to fight infection or to help stop bleeding.
- Shortness of breath, swelling of ankles or feet, or sudden weight gain. These are symptoms of heart failure that may develop or get worse.
- Chest discomfort or pain, shortness of breath, joint pain or a rash on your cheeks or arms. These may be symptoms of an immune reaction with lupus-like syndrome.

### Common Side Effects

- Redness, rash, swelling, itching or bruising where the shot was given.
- Headache
- Runny nose

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

### Directions for Use

- Rheutopia is an injection (shot). Do not use Rheutopia until your doctor has shown you how to give a shot.
- Store Rheutopia in the refrigerator. Do not shake or freeze.
- If you forget to take a dose, take it as soon as you remember. Take your next dose at your regularly scheduled time.
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