



LEFLUNOMIDE

Disease modifying anti-rheumatic drug (DMARD)

Availability ¹	Brand name	Quick guide
Tablet, film-coated 10 mg, 20 mg	Arava, Ataris, Lunava Generics are available	 

Effect of food	Can be given without regard to food. ¹
Warnings	Hazard. ^{1,2} Occupational exposure may be harmful. Wear a mask and gloves if dispersing the tablet. Teratogen. ^{1,2} Do not disperse the tablet if you are pregnant. Contact a pharmacist or a medicines information service for advice.
Other	May cause dry mouth, mouth ulcers and an impaired or altered sense of taste. ¹

What to do for people with enteral feeding tubes

Option 1	Do not break or crush the tablet. See <i>Warnings</i> . Wear a mask and gloves. Disperse the tablet in 10–20 mL of water in an enteral syringe. Shake gently, the tablet will disperse within 2 to 7 minutes. ³ See Method A for instructions.
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What to do for people with swallowing difficulties

Option 1	Do not break or crush the tablet. See <i>Warnings</i> . Wear a mask and gloves. Use an oral dispenser. Disperse the tablet in water. Shake gently, the tablet will disperse in 10–20 mL of water in 2 to 7 minutes. ³ See Method D for instructions.
Option 2	If the person cannot swallow thin fluids, contact a pharmacist or a medicines information service or the prescriber for advice.

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