

# Risankizumab (Skyrizi)

Risankizumab is a biologic medication used to treat active Crohn's disease, psoriatic arthritis and moderate to severe plaque psoriasis. The medication targets the protein interleukin 23A. This protein is involved with inflammation that is linked with psoriasis, Crohn's, and psoriatic arthritis. Risankizumab should be used in patients who have responded inadequately or are intolerant of other medications they have used for their psoriatic arthritis and Crohn's disease.

## How to Take It

Risankizumab is given as a self-administered injection under the skin. The medicine can be injected into the thigh or abdomen. The site of injection should be rotated so the same site is not used multiple times. Risankizumab comes in pre-filled syringes and prefilled pen injectors. The adult dose is 150 mg which can be given as one prefilled 150 mg syringe or pen. After the first dose, another injection is given 4 weeks later followed by one dose every 12 weeks. Some patients will start to have improvement within a few weeks, but it may take several months to take full effect.

## Side Effects

Risankizumab may lower your immune system and the ability to fight infections. Before starting risankizumab all patients should be tested for tuberculosis and obtain all age-appropriate vaccinations. Risankizumab may cause headaches or tiredness and rare candida (yeast) infections. Serious allergic reactions are very rare, but skin reactions at the site of the injection may occur.