

Generic Drugs - A Better Value Generic Drugs - A Better Value



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We are using more prescription drugs than ever before to manage health conditions and prevent problems. And – those drugs are more expensive than ever before. In 2003, prescription drug costs in the United States reached \$184 billion.

Today, more than ever, it is important to be “drug smart.” There’s an easy way to cut your prescription drug bill. Ask your doctor or pharmacist about generic equivalents or over-the-counter (OTC) medications when you get a prescription.

Most medications have a generic name that identifies the active chemical ingredient and a brand name that is used by a specific manufacturer to market the drug.

Not all drugs are available as a generic. Many drugs are patent protected for a period of time and sold only as a brand name. But, over half of all brand name drugs do have generic equivalents available. And if a generic equivalent is not available for a brand name drug, a therapeutic alternative may be available as a generic.

Generic drugs are required by the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) to meet the same standards as their brand name counterparts. Generic drugs have the same active ingredients and work the same way in the body as their brand name counterparts.

Generic drugs may look different than their brand name counterparts because they may be manufactured in different colors, shapes, or sizes. But the active ingredients are still the same.

Generic drugs are usually priced 30-75 percent less than equivalent brand name drugs making generic drugs one of the better values in health care.

Always remember to ask your doctor or pharmacist if your prescription is available generically. If not, ask if an alternative generic drug or an OTC drug may be appropriate for you.

CONDITIONS/ INDICATIONS	BRAND-NAME DRUG	AVERAGE BRAND-NAME PRICE	EQUIVALENT GENERIC DRUG	AVERAGE GENERIC PRICE	ALTERNATIVE OTC DRUG
ACID REFLUX	Aciphex 20mg	\$154.99/30			
	Axid 150mg	\$188.99/60	Nizatidine 150mg	\$86.99/60	Axid AR OTC
	Nexium 20mg	\$144.99/30			
	Pepcid 20mg	\$112.99/60	Famotidine 20mg	\$49.99/60	Pepcid AC OTC
	Prevacid 15mg	\$139.99/30			
	Prilosec 20mg	\$132.99/30	Omeprazole 20mg	\$89.99/30	Prilosec OTC
	Protonix 20mg	\$114.99/30			
	Tagamet 300mg	\$136.99/100	Cimetidine 300mg	\$32.69/100	Tagamet HB OTC
	Zantac 150mg	\$157.99/60	Ranitidine 150mg	\$29.99/60	Zantac 75 OTC
	ANTI-ALLERGY	Allegra 60mg	\$93.99/60	Fexofenadine 60mg	\$79.99/60
Allegra D		\$101.99/60			
Clarinet 5mg		\$85.99/30			Claritin OTC
Tavist 2.68mg		\$143.99/100	Clemastine 2.68mg	\$54.99/100	Tavist Allergy OTC
Zyrtec 10mg		\$73.99/30			
Zyrtec D		\$72.99/60			
ANTI-ANXIETY	BuSpar 15mg Dividose	\$264.99/100	Buspirone 15mg	\$63.99/100	
	Valium 5mg	\$103.99/60	Diazepam 5mg	\$12.99/60	
	Xanax 0.25mg	\$72.99/60	Alprazolam 0.25mg	\$17.99/60	
ARTHRITIS/PAIN	Arthrotec 50mg	\$132.99/60			
	Celebrex 200mg	\$189.99/60			
	Clinoril 150mg	\$102.99/100	Sulindac 150mg	\$34.99/100	
	Darvocet N-100	\$81.99/60	Propoxyphene N/ acetaminophen 650mg	\$19.99/60	
	Daypro 600mg	\$146.99/60	Oxaprozin 600mg	\$73.99/60	
	Feldene 10mg	\$73.99/30	Piroxicam 10mg	\$18.99/30	
	Lodine 400mg	\$111.99/60	Etodolac 400mg	\$43.99/60	
	Mobic 7.5mg	\$105.99/30			
	Motrin 600mg	\$61.69/180	Ibuprofen 600mg	\$24.89/180	Advil, Motrin IB
	Naprosyn 500mg	\$292.69/180	Naproxen 500mg	\$47.09/180	Aleve
	Relafen 500mg	\$140.99/60	Nambumetone 500mg	\$64.99/60	
	Ultram 50mg	\$74.99/60	Tramadol 50mg	\$39.99/60	
Cataflam 50mg	\$97.99/30	Diclofenac 50mg	\$38.99/60		

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DEPRESSION	Celexa 20mg	\$88.99/30	Citalopram 20mg	\$41.99/30	
	Cymbalta 30mg	\$109.99/30			
	Effexor 25mg	\$133.99/60			
	Effexor XR 75mg	\$209.99/60			
	Lexapro 10mg	\$72.99/30			
	Paxil 20mg	\$97.99/30	Paroxetine 20mg	\$57.99/30	
	Paxil CR 25mg	\$97.99/30			
	Prozac 20mg	\$139.99/30	Fluoxetine 20mg	\$24.99/30	
	Remeron 30mg	\$121.99/30	Mirtazapine 30mg	\$63.99/30	
	Serzone 150mg	\$123.99/60	Nefazodone 150mg	\$67.59/60	
	Wellbutrin SR 150mg	\$161.99/60	Bupropion SR 150mg	\$95.99/60	
	Wellbutrin XL 150mg	\$113.99/30			
	Zoloft 50mg	\$86.99/30			
DIABETES	Actos 30mg	\$178.99/30			
	Amaryl 2mg	\$46.99/60	Glimepiride 2mg	\$42.99/60	
	Avandia 4mg	\$102.99/30			
	Diabeta 2.5mg	\$49.99/100	Glyburide 2.5mg	\$24.99/100	
	Glucophage 500mg	\$83.99/100	Metformin 500mg	\$29.99/100	
	Glucophage XR 500mg	\$96.99/100	MetforminER 500mg	\$41.99/100	
	Glucotrol 10mg	\$96.99/100	Glipizide 10mg	\$32.99/100	
	Glucotrol XL 5mg	\$73.99/100	Glipizide ER 5mg	\$39.99/100	
	Glucovance 1.25mg/250mg	\$95.99/100	Glyburide/ Metformin 1.25mg/250mg	\$78.99/100	
	Metaglip 2.5mg/500mg	\$105.99/100	Glipizide/ Metformin 2.5mg/500mg	\$100.99/100	
	Micronase 2.5mg	\$70.99/100	Glyburide 2.5mg	\$24.99/100	
	Prandin 1mg	\$143.99/100			
	Precose 50mg	\$100.99/100			
	Starlix 120mg	\$139.99/100			
HEART RATE	Betapace 80mg	\$197.99/60	Sotalol 80mg	\$69.99/60	
	Tambocor 100mg	\$329.99/100			
	Rythmol 150mg	\$313.99/100	Propafenone 150mg	\$129.89/100	

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HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE (Ace Inhibitors/Angiotensin Receptor Blockers)	Accupril 20mg	\$93.99/60	Quinapril 20mg	\$64.99/60	
	Altace 5mg	\$104.99/60			
	Atacand16mg	\$57.99/30			
	Avapro 150mg	\$59.99/30			
	Benicar 20mg	\$57.99/30			
	Capoten 25mg	\$159.99/100	Captopril 25mg	\$18.99/100	
	Cozaar 50mg	\$58.99/30			
	Diovan 80mg	\$63.99/30			
	Lotensin 20mg	\$83.99/60	Benazepril 20mg	\$27.99/60	
	Mavik 2mg	\$80.99/60			
	Micardis 80mg	\$58.99/30			
	Univasc 15mg	\$46.99/30			
	Vasotec 10mg	\$70.99/60	Enalapril 10mg	\$36.99/60	
	Zestril/Prinivil 10mg	\$80.99/60	Lisinopril 10mg	\$27.79/60	
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE (Beta-Blockers)	Lopressor 50mg	\$69.99/60	Metoprolol 50mg	\$16.99/60	
	Tenormin 50mg	\$89.99/60	Atenolol 50mg.	\$11.99/60	
	Toprol XL 50mg	\$30.99/30			
	Zebeta 5mg	\$79.99/30	Bisoprolol 5mg	\$32.99/30	
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE (Calcium Channel Blockers)	Cardizem CD 240mg	\$89.99/30	Diltiazem ER 240mg	\$49.99/30	
	Norvasc 5mg	\$51.99/30			
	Plendil 5mg	\$49.99/30	Felodipine 5mg	\$34.99/30	
	Procardia XL 60mg	\$98.99/30	Nifedipine XL 60mg	\$59.99/30	

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HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE (Combinations)	Avalide 150mg/12.5mg	\$77.99/30			
	Diovan HCT 80mg/12.5mg	\$65.99/30			
	Hyzaar 50mg/12.5mg	\$60.99/30			
	Lotrel 5mg/10mg	\$81.99/30			
	Prinzide/Zestoretic 10mg/12.5mg	\$88.99/60	Lisinopril/HCTZ 10mg/12.5mg	\$44.99/60	
	Ziac 2.5mg/6.25mg	\$76.99/30	Bisoprolol/HCTZ 2.5mg/6.25mg	\$28.99/30	
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE (Diuretics/Water Pills)	Oretic/Esidrix 25mg	\$22.99/100	Hydrochloro- thiazide (HCTZ) 25mg	\$11.99/100	
	Hygroton 50mg	\$89.99/100	Chlorthalidone 50mg	\$11.99/100	
	Lasix 40mg	\$36.99/100	Furosemide 40mg	\$11.99/100	
HIGH CHOLESTEROL	Advicor 750mg/20mg	\$87.99/30			
	Colestid 1Gm	\$96.99/120			
	Crestor 20mg	\$92.99/30			
	Lescol 40mg	\$149.99/60			
	Lipitor 40mg	\$115.99/30			
	Lopid 600mg	\$114.99/60	Gemfibrozil 600mg	\$24.99/60	
	Mevacor 20mg	\$72.99/30	Lovastatin 20mg	\$31.99/30	
	Niaspan 750mg	\$207.99/60	niacin		
	Pravachol 40mg	\$150.99/30			
	Questran	\$90.99/378Gm	Cholestyramine	\$39.99/ 378Gm	
	Vytorin 10mg/40mg	\$85.99/30			
	Zocor 40mg	\$147.99/30			
	SLEEPING AIDS	Ambien 10mg	\$99.99/30		
Dalmane 30mg		\$58.99/30	Flurazepam 30mg	\$12.99/30	
Lunesta 3mg		\$125.99/30			
Restoril 30mg		\$159.99/30	Temazepam 30mg	\$14.99/30	
Sonata 10mg		\$107.99/30			

MANY OF THESE DRUGS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN DIFFERENT STRENGTHS THAN THE STRENGTH LISTED. THIS IS A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE. THE QUANTITIES LISTED ARE THE USUAL ONE-MONTH SUPPLY. CHECK WITH YOUR PHARMACIST FOR THE PRICE OF YOUR PARTICULAR PRESCRIPTION DRUG.