

# Effective Generic Medications for Common Medical Conditions

The following is a list of generic and brand-name medications for common medical conditions to allow you to identify generic alternatives that you can ask your doctor about. Please refer to the Providence Formulary for a complete list of covered medications. By choosing to use a generic medication when possible, you can save money. It's important to know that generic drugs are the equivalent to their brand-name counterparts in safety, quality and performance, and are usually subject to a lower copayment or coinsurance. Please note the following:

- (PA) indicates prior authorization is required.
- (ST) indicates step therapy is required.
- Prescriptions are listed with average pricing per prescription, per month. Pharmacy price may vary.
- \$4 generic prescriptions may be available; ask your pharmacist.

## ALLERGIES

### Effective Generic Options

Hydroxyzine (Vistaril®)	\$8
Loratadine OTC (Claritin®, others)	\$8
Zyrtec® OTC	\$8
Fluticasone Propionate (Flonase®)	\$14
Fexofenadine (Allegra®)	\$30

### Expensive Brand Choices

Nasonex®	\$85
Nasacort AQ®	\$86
Rhinocort Aqua®	\$86
Clarinx® (PA)‡	\$88

## ANXIETY/DEPRESSION

### Effective Generic Options

Citalopram (Celexa®)	\$4
Fluoxetine (Prozac®)	\$4
Paroxetine (Paxil IR®)	\$4
Sertraline (Zoloft®)	\$4
Mirtazapine (Remeron®)	\$12
Bupropion SR, XL (Wellbutrin SR®, XL®)	\$54

### Expensive Brand Choices

Lexapro® (half tablet) (ST)	\$45
Cymbalta® (PA)‡	\$112
Effexor XR®	\$121

## ARTHRITIS/INFLAMMATORY PAIN

### Effective Generic Options

Ibuprofen (Motrin®)	\$4
Meloxicam (Mobic®)	\$4
Naproxen (Anaprox®)	\$4
Sulindac (Clinoril®)	\$12
Diclofenac (Voltaren®)	\$20
Nabumetone (Relafen®)	\$24
Etodolac (Lodine®)	\$25

### Expensive Brand Choice

Celebrex® (PA)	\$152
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## ATTENTION DEFICIT-HYPERACTIVITY

### Effective Generic Options

Methylphenidate, SR (Ritalin®, SR®)	\$34
Amphetamine (Adderall®)	\$40
D-Amphetamine (Dexedrine®)	\$43

### Expensive Brand Choices

Focalin® ‡	\$56
Ritalin LA®	\$119
Metadate CD®	\$130
Concerta®	\$135
Focalin XR® (PA)‡	\$141
Daytrana® (PA)	\$142
Adderall XR®	\$145
Strattera® (PA)	\$161

## CHOLESTEROL

### Effective Generic Options

Lovastatin (Mevacor®)	\$4
Pravastatin (Pravachol®)	\$4
Simvastatin (Zocor®)	\$8

### Expensive Brand Choices

Lipitor® (half tablet) (ST)	\$66
Zetia® (PA)	\$92
Vytorin® (PA)‡	\$94
Crestor® (PA)‡	\$96
Lescol XL® ‡	\$98

## DIABETES

### Insulin (no generic available)

### Expensive Brand Choices

Humulin® R	\$41
Humulin®/Novolin® N,L,U	\$41
Humulin®/Novolin® 70/30	\$41
Apridra®	\$83
Humalog®/Novolog®	\$83
Levemir®	\$83

## DIABETES (CONT.)

### Oral Agents

### Effective Generic Options

Glimepiride (Amaryl®)	\$4
Glipizide, XL (Glucotrol®, XL®)	\$4
Glyburide (Diabeta®)	\$4
Metformin, ER (Glucophage®, XR®)	\$4
Acarbose	\$38

### Expensive Brand Choices

Starlix® ‡	\$134
Avandia®	\$139
Januvia® (PA)‡	\$154
Janumet® (PA)‡	\$154
Actos®	\$185

## HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE/HEART

### Beta Blockers

### Effective Generic Options

Atenolol (Tenormin®)	\$4
Cardinally (Coreg®)	\$4
Metoprolol Tartrate (Lopressor®)	\$4
Acebutolol (Sectral®)	\$25
Metoprolol Succinate (Toprol XL®)	\$46

### Expensive Brand Choice

Coreg CR®	\$109
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### Calcium Channel Blockers

### Effective Generic Options

Amlodipine (Norvasc®)	\$8
Verapamil (Calan®)	\$14
Diltia XT (Dilacor XR®)	\$16
Cartia XT (Cardizem CD®)	\$32
Felodipine (Plendil®)	\$34

‡ A non-formulary drug. Other formulary drugs should be considered first.

**HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE/HEART****ACE Inhibitors / Angiotension Receptor Blockers****Effective Generic Options**

Benazepril (Lotensin®)	\$4
Enalapril (Vasotec®)	\$4
Lisinopril (Zestril®)	\$4
Ramipril (Altace®)	\$8
Fosinopril (Monopril®)	\$9
Moexipril (Univasc®)	\$21

**Expensive Brand Choices**

Mavik® ‡	\$36
Cozaar®	\$59
Diovan®	\$69

**Centrally Acting****Effective Generic Option**

Clonidine (Catapres®)	\$4
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**Expensive Brand Choice**

Catapres-TTS®	\$155
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**Diuretic****Effective Generic Options**

Chlorothalidone (Hygroton®)	\$4
Furosemide (Lasix®)	\$4
Hydrochlorothiazide (Oretic®)	\$4
Torsemide (Demadex®)	\$13

**Combination Medications****Effective Generic Options**

Atenolol/chlor (Tenoretic®)	\$4
Bisoprolol/HCT (Ziac®)	\$4
Lisinopril/HCT (Zestoretic®)	\$4
Spirono/HCT (Aldactazide®)	\$12
Metoprolol/HCT (Lopressor HCT®)	\$29

**Expensive Brand Choices**

Diovan/HCT®	\$85
Hyzaar®	\$85
Lotrel®	\$103

**HORMONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY****Effective Generic Options**

Estradiol (Estrace®)	\$4
Medroxyprogesterone (Provera®)	\$4

**Expensive Brand Choices**

Premarin®	\$45
Prempro®	\$53

**INSOMNIA****Effective Generic Options**

Lorazepam (Ativan®)	\$8
Temazepam (Restoril®)	\$8
Trazodone (Desyrel®)	\$8
Zaleplon (Sonata®)	\$8
Zolpidem (Ambien®)	\$8

**Expensive Brand Choices**

Rozerem® (PA)	\$107
Ambien CR® (PA)‡	\$129
Lunesta® (PA)	\$129

**INFECTIONS****Effective Generic Options**

Amoxicillin (Amoxil®)	\$4
Cephalexin (Keflex®)	\$4
Ciprofloxacin (Cipro®)	\$4
Doxycycline (Vibramycin®)	\$4
Erythromycin (Ery-Tab®)	\$4
Penicillin (Pen-Vee K®)	\$4
SMZ-TMP (Septra DS®)	\$4
Azithromycin (Zithromax®)	\$16
Cefaclor (Ceclor®)	\$17
Dicloxacillin (Pathocil®)	\$22
AMOX/CLAV (Augmentin®, Augmentin ES®)	\$28
Cefadroxil (Duricef®)	\$40
Clarithromycin (Biaxin®)	\$45
Cefpodoxime Proxetil (Vantin®)	\$61

**Expensive Brand Choices**

Omnicef®	\$93
Avelox®	\$102
Levaquin®	\$114

**MIGRAINE PAIN****Migraine relief****Effective Generic Options**

Isomet/D-Chlor/APAP	\$8
Butalbital/APAP/Caffeine	\$17
Ergotamine/Caffeine (Cafergot®)	\$31
Sumatriptan	\$20†

**Expensive Brand Choices**

Maxalt®	\$187
Zomig®	\$216

**Migraine prevention****Effective Generic Options**

Amitriptyline (Elavil®)	\$4
Metoprolol (Lopressor®)	\$4

**NERVE PAIN****Effective Generic Options**

Amitriptyline (Elavil®)	\$4
Carbamazepine (Tegretol®)	\$4
Nortriptyline (Pamelor®)	\$4
Desipramine (Norpramin®)	\$8
Tramadol (Ultram®)	\$8
Gabapentin (Neurontin®)	\$35

**Expensive Brand Choices**

Cymbalta® (PA)‡	\$150
Lyrica® (PA)	\$178

**SEVERE PAIN****Effective Generic Options**

Codeine/APAP (Tylenol #3®)	\$8
Hydrocodone/APAP (Vicodin®)	\$8
Tramadol (Ultram®)	\$8
Hydromorphone (Dilaudid®)	\$15
Oxycodone/APAP (Percocet®)	\$18
Oxycodone (Roxicodone®)	\$61
Morphine IR	\$62

**SEVERE PAIN (CONT.)****Long-acting****Effective Generic Options**

Methadone (Dolophine®)	\$11
Morphine SR (Oramorph SR®)	\$35
Fentanyl Patch (Duragesic®)	\$202

**Expensive Brand Choices**

Oxycontin® (PA)	\$336
Avinza® (PA)‡	\$383

**SKIN RASHES****Effective Generic Options****Low potency**

Hydrocortisone 2.5%	\$4
Triamcinolone Acetonide (Aristocort®) 0.025%	\$4

**Medium potency**

Triamcinolone Acetonide (Aristocort A®) 0.1%	\$4
Betamethasone Valerate (Beta-Val®) 0.1%	\$4

**High potency**

Triamcinolone Acetonide (Aristocort A®) 0.5%	\$4
Betamethasone Dipropionate (Diprolene®) 0.05%	\$4

**Expensive Brand Choices**

Elidel® (PA)	\$145
Protopic® (PA)	\$181

**STOMACH ACID SUPPRESSION****Effective OTC/Generic Options**

Famotidine (Pepcid AC® OTC)	\$6
Ranitidine (Zantac 75® OTC)	\$6
Omeprazole (Prilosec®)	\$18
Omeprazole (Prilosec® OTC)	\$18

**Expensive Brand Choices**

Protonix® (PA)	\$97
Nexium® (PA)‡	\$146
AcipHex® (PA)‡	\$158
Prevacid® (PA)‡	\$166

**URINARY INCONTINENCE****Effective Generic Option**

Oxybutynin Chloride (Ditropan®)	\$4
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**Expensive Brand Choices**

Detrol LA®	\$107
Oxytrol Patch®	\$115

**BENIGN PROSTATE HYPERTROPHY****Effective Generic Options**

Prazosin (Minipress®)	\$4
Terazosin (Hytrin®)	\$4
Finasteride (Proscar®)	\$30

**Expensive Brand Choice**

Flomax®	\$91
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† Price expected to decline by Sept. 2009