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Generic Medications

They Keep You and Your Wallet Healthy

The majority of generics are sold at 15 to 50 percent less than brand drugs.

A generic drug is identical to a brand name drug in dosage form, safety, strength, route of administration, quality, performance characteristics, and intended use.

You can be assured that FDA-approved generic drugs have met the same rigid standards as the innovator drug. To gain FDA approval, a generic drug must:

- Contain the same active ingredients as the innovator drug.
- Be identical in strength, dosage form, and route of administration.
- Have the same use indications.
- Meet the same batch requirements of identity, strength, purity, and quality.
- Be manufactured under the same strict standards of the FDA's good manufacturer practice regulations required for innovator products.

Many pharmacies participate in a \$4 generic drug program. Hundreds of prescription drugs that treat a wide array of conditions are now available for only \$4. Ask your physician or pharmacist for more information on this program.

You can also visit the FDA Web site at <http://www.fda.gov/cder/ogd/index.htm> for more information on generics.

The examples listed below are commonly prescribed medications with generic equivalents and their price differences.

Prescription*	Brand	Cost	Generic	Cost
Antidepressant, 20mg	Prozac	\$30 - \$60	Fluoxetine	\$4 - \$24
Arthritis, 100mg	Celebrex	\$28 - \$80	Celecoxib	\$12 - \$25
Gastrointestinal Preps/Anti-Ulcer, 20mg	Prilosec	\$55 - \$142	Omeprazole	\$14 - \$41
Cholesterol-reducing, 20mg	Mevacor	\$64 - \$78	Lovastatin	\$23 - \$43
Heartburn, 150mg	Zantac	\$53 - \$113	Ranitidine	\$10 - \$16
Blood Pressure, 30mg	Zestril	\$21 - \$65	Lisinopril	\$8 - \$17

*Pricing is approximate average wholesale prices for 30 pills.

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