

# Save when you use **Generic Drugs**

If you want to lower your prescription drug costs, consider using generic drugs. Choosing generics is an excellent way to save money.

- **Same Quality**

Generic drugs are widely recognized as quality medications. You can expect the same clinical results as brand-name drugs.

- **Lower Cost**

On average, a generic drug costs 50 percent less than the equivalent brand-name drug.

## Talk to Your Doctor

The next time your doctor writes you a prescription, ask if a generic is available to help you save money.

## Talk to Your Pharmacist

When you take your prescription to the drugstore, tell your pharmacist you would like a generic drug.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Are generic drugs safe?

Generic drugs contain the same ingredients as brand-name drugs, but are not manufactured under a brand name or trademark. The color and shape of the generic drug may be different from its brand-name counterpart, but the active ingredients are the same for both. Generic drugs must meet the same Food and Drug Administration quality standards as the brand-name drugs. Generic drugs are available at the lowest copayment.

### Why do generic drugs cost less?

Generic drugs tend to cost less than brand-name drugs because the companies that make them do not have to recover the costs of research and development.

### Is there a generic drug available for my condition?

Most likely, yes. Many commonly prescribed drugs have generic versions. In fact, nearly 65 percent of prescriptions are now filled with generic drugs. Ask your doctor or pharmacist if there is a generic version of your drug. Or, visit the member's section of our Web site at [www.paisc.com](http://www.paisc.com). Then click on the Pharmacy Information link and then select the Caremark link. Using the Look Up Drug Coverage & Pricing function, enter the name of the brand drug you are currently using and click on the Search By Name link. If a generic is available for your brand-name drug, the generic will be listed for you. Please take this information to your next doctor's appointment to see if a generic is suitable for you.

## A Good Choice

You should always ask if there is a generic version of your prescription. Remember, when you use a generic drug, you get the same quality as the brand-name drug – at a lower cost.

**Below is a sample of drugs and potential savings when you use generics.**

Brand Name	Generic Name	Strength	Savings
Adderall	Amphetamine Salt Combo	7.5mg	81%
Allegra	Fexofenadine HCL	60mg	15%
Altace	Ramipril	5mg	22%
Ambien	Zolpidem Tartrate	6.25mg	53%
Augmentin XR	Amox TR/Potassium Clavulanate	875-125mg	57%
Biaxin XL	Clarithromycin	500mg	62%
Cleocin	Clindamycin Phosphate	1%	87%
Coreg	Carvedilol	6.25mg	59%
Effexor	Venlafaxine HCL	75mg	49%
Estratest	Estrogen,Ester/Me-Testosterone	1.25-2.5mg	65%
Focalin	Dexmethylphenidate HCL	5mg	77%
Fosamax	Alendronate Sodium	70mg/75ml	48%
Glucophage	Metformin HCL	850mg	86%
Lotrel	Amlodipine Besylate/Benazepril	5mg-40mg	32%
Paxil CR	Paroxetine HCL	40mg	70%
Protonix	Pantoprazole Sodium	40mg	24%
Requip	Ropinirole HCL	5mg	7%
Ritalin-SR	Methylphenidate HCL	60mg	84%
Rowasa	Mesalamine	500mg	24%
Solodyn	Minocycline HCL	90mg	86%
Temovate	Clobetasol Propionate	0.05%	85%
Toprol XL	Metoprolol Succinate	50mg	28%
Triglide		54mg	54%
Ultram ER	Tramadol HCL	50mg	91%
Vibramycin	Doxycycline Hyclate	75mg	98%
Vospire ER	Albuterol Sulfate	90mcg	58%
Wellbutrin XL	Bupropion HCL	75mg	54%
Xanax XR	Alprazolam	3mg	95%
Zoloft	Sertraline HCL	50mg	66%

Savings are based on a 30-day supply filled at a participating retail pharmacy. This information is a guide to potential savings when generic drugs are used. The drugs and estimated savings listed above are subject to change. Coverage of a specific drug or supply is determined by your benefit plan.

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