

Generic Drug Information



LDI Integrated Pharmacy Services encourages you to use generic medications whenever possible. **Generic drug products are always a preferred choice since they are cost effective and tested to have the same quality, strength, purity, and stability as brand name medications.** Generic drugs offer the same benefits as a brand thus saving you and your plan money! Over 80% of prescriptions are filled with a generic.

What is a generic drug?

A generic drug is a lower cost version of a brand-name medication. Generic drugs must meet the same rigorous Food and Drug Administration (FDA) standards as brand-name medications. They are a safe and effective alternative to the brand name and are more affordable. Some generics are made by the same pharmaceutical companies that make brand name medications. Generic manufacturers do not have to spend the money on research and marketing like brand name manufacturers.

How are generic drugs different from brand name drugs?

Generic drugs may have a different shape, color or packaging. These differences only affect how the medicine looks, not how it works. The biggest difference between a generic and brand name drug is the price. Most generics cost less than their brand name version. Taking generics is one way to save the most on your prescription drug costs. The generic name is the chemical name for the identical brand name drug.

What can I do to make sure that I get a generic drug?

Tell your doctor that you prefer generic drugs if they are available. If no generic medication exists for your current medication, ask your doctor if there is another drug that is available as a generic that treats the same condition. Many drugs to treat blood pressure, infections, diabetes and lowering cholesterol will have generics while others will not.

You can also ask your pharmacist whether generic drugs are available for your medications. An LDI pharmacist will be happy to check with your doctor, if necessary.

Have More Questions?

If you have questions about your pharmacy benefits or prescription drugs, please contact **LDI Integrated Pharmacy Services at (866) 516-3121** or visit www.LDIRx.com

See following page for an estimated timeline of upcoming generic medications.

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Brand Name	Generic Name	Indication/Disease State	Estimated Generic Launch Date*
Advicor	lovastatin/niacin	High Blood Cholesterol	3Q 2015
Oxytrol	oxybutynin transdermal	Urinary Disorders	2Q 2015
EpiPen Auto-Injector	epinephrine	Allergic Reactions	3Q 2015
Aggrenox	aspirin / dipyridamole	Blood Modifying	3Q 2015
Namenda	memantine	Mental/Neuro Disorders	3Q 2015
Fenoglide	fenofibrate	High Blood Cholesterol	4Q 2015
Axert	almotriptan	Migraine Headaches	4Q 2015
Frova	frovatriptan	Migraine Headaches	4Q 2015
Avodart	dutasteride	Urinary Disorders	4Q 2015
Jalyn	dutasteride / tamsulosin	Urinary Disorders	4Q 2015
Tracleer	bosentan	Circulatory Disorders	4Q 2015
Mirena	levonorgestrel	Contraceptives	4Q 2015
Patanol	olopatadine	Eye Drugs	4Q 2015
Femring	estradiol acetate	Vaginal Disorders	4Q 2015
Ortho Tri-Cylen Lo	norgestimate/ ethinyl estradiol	Contraceptives	4Q 2015
Gleevec	imatinib	Cancer	1Q 2016
Enablex	darifenacin	Overactive Bladder	1Q 2016
Crestor	rosuvastatin	High Blood Cholesterol	2Q 2016
Nuvigil	armodafinil	Narcolepsy	2Q 2016
Tamiflu	oseltamivir	Influenza	3Q 2016
Zetia	ezetimibe	High Blood Cholesterol	4Q 2016
Seroquel XR	quetiapine fumarate XR	Antidepressant	4Q 2016

**Estimated dates are subject to change due to patent litigation, settlement agreements, additional patents, exclusivities, final FDA approval*