



Feel confident about using generic drugs. Generic drugs are safe, effective, FDA-approved, and they can save you money! Consider the facts...

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1. What are generic drugs?

Generic drugs are prescription medications that have the same active ingredients, dosage amounts, strength, safety, and quality as brand-name prescription medications.

2. Are generic drugs just as safe as brand-name drugs?

Yes. Laboratories that produce generic drugs must meet the same high FDA standards as the facilities of brand-name drugs, and all generic drugs are FDA-approved to be therapeutically equivalent to brand-name drugs.

3. Why are generic drugs less expensive?

Generic drug manufacturers do not have to research, develop, or clinically test their medications, and they do not have marketing or advertising expenses to promote their brand. This makes the generic-drug equivalent of your brand-name prescription much more affordable.

Tip: Over the next few years there will be generic versions of many of the brand name drugs available today, so ask your doctor or pharmacist if a new generic equivalent is right for you.

4. What is different about generic drugs?

The appearance of brand-name drugs is protected by law, so generic drugs will have different shapes, flavors, or colors. However, since the active ingredients are the same, they will work the same way in your body as the brand-name drug.

5. Does every brand-name drug have a generic drug equivalent?

No. Pharmaceutical companies have a patent on their brand-name medications, so new drugs will not have a generic equivalent until the patent expires.

6. What if my brand-name drug is not available in generic form?

Even if your brand name drug is not available in generic form, there may be a generic drug that could work just as well. Ask your doctor if a therapeutic alternative might be right for you. A generic therapeutic alternative is the equivalent for a different brand-name drug and treats your condition using a different active ingredient. If your doctor agrees, you can feel confident about using the generic therapeutic alternative and feel good about saving money too!

We're here for you every step of the way.