

# Why pay more? Ask for generic.

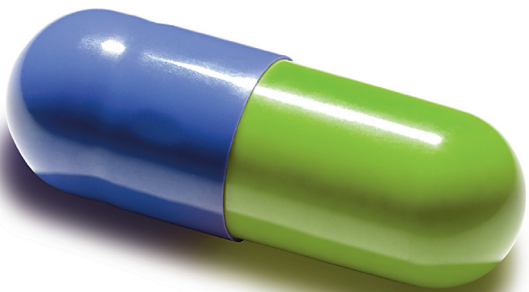
## Good Reasons to Use Generic Prescription Drugs

- A generic equivalent is a medication that contains the same active ingredients at the same dose and formulation as the brand-name drug.
- Generic medications are just as effective and safe as brand-name drugs.
- There's only one major difference between generic drugs and brand-name drugs: How much you have to pay.
- You can save as much as 90 percent over the cost of brand-name medications. On average, generic drugs cost 40 percent to 60 percent less than brand-name drugs.
- Most hospitals routinely use generic drugs to treat patients.
- When the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) determines that a generic drug is equivalent to a brand drug, it can be expected that the generic will work the same way in the body.
- The U.S. government strictly regulates the manufacturing process of all drugs, and all manufacturers meet the same standards.

### Remember . . .

When you visit your doctor, please keep these facts in mind. Ask your doctor or pharmacist if any of your prescription medications can be filled with a generic alternative. By using generic drugs whenever possible, you can reduce your prescription drug costs while maintaining the same strength, dosage and quality as the brand-name drug.

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