

High-cost Medications: The Dirty Dozen

HIGH-COST MEDICATIONS	INDICATION	LOWER-COST ALTERNATIVES	EST. ANNUAL SAVINGS
Advair Diskus, Advair HFA	Asthma/COPD	Fluticasone/salmeterol or Wixela Inhub	\$2,500
Bystolic (nebivolol)	Hypertension	Metoprolol succinate	\$1,000
Dexilant (dexlansoprazole)	Acid reflux	Pantoprazole, lansoprazole, omeprazole	\$3,500
Dulera	Asthma/COPD	Fluticasone/salmeterol or Wixela Inhub	\$2,500
Fortamet (expensive ER metformin)	Diabetes	Generic Glucophage XR 500mg or 750mg	\$10,000
Glumetza (very expensive ER metformin)	Diabetes	Generic Glucophage XR 500mg or 750mg	\$60,000
Janumet/Janumet XR (sitagliptin-metformin), Jentadueto/Jentadueto XR (linagliptin-metformin), Kombiglyze XR (saxagliptin-metformin)	Diabetes	Alogliptin-metformin (generic for Kazano), or metformin alone	\$4,000
Januvia (sitagliptin), Onglyza (saxagliptin), Tradjenta (linagliptin)	Diabetes	Alogliptin (generic for Nesina), metformin, pioglitazone, glipizide	\$5,000
Lo Loestrin Fe 1mg-10mg	Oral contraceptive	Generic Minastrin 24 Fe 1mg-20mg	\$2,200
Premarin oral tablet	Hormone replacement	Oral estradiol	\$2,200
Premarin vaginal cream	Vulvovaginal atrophy	Estradiol vaginal cream, estradiol vaginal tablet, or Yuvafem vaginal tablet	\$2,400
Vyvanse (lisdexamfetamine dimesylate)	ADHD	Methylphenidate ER tablets (generic for Concerta 12hr); Methylphenidate ER (generic for Metadate 8hr); Dexmethylphenidate XR capsules (generic for Focalin XR 8-12hr); Dextroamphetamine-Amphetamine ER capsules (generic for Adderall XR 10-12hr)	\$7,000

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