

# National Drug List

## Medication alternatives



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The National Drug List is a list of prescription medications approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). We've reviewed these drugs through our Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Process, which considers a drug's:

- Effectiveness
- Safety
- Similarity to other drugs within a therapeutic class
- Affordability

The National Drug List is an open drug list or formulary, with some closed drug classes. The list includes a broad range of drug choices – including 97.5% of all prescription medications.\* If a medication is not on the list, there are other high-quality, cost-effective choices, called preferred alternatives, that are.

Medications not included on the National Drug List are shown on the chart included here, along with their preferred alternatives that are on the list. Please note, exclusions and limitations may apply. For details about what's covered and what's not, it's best to check the *Certificate/Evidence of Coverage or Summary Plan Description*.

To view and search the complete National Drug List, members should log in at [empireblue.com](http://empireblue.com) and choose **Prescription Benefits**. Information on dosage/strength options and any restrictions such as quantity limits, prior authorization or step therapy requirements is available. Members can also call Member Services at the number on their member ID card or visit [empireblue.com/pharmacyinformation](http://empireblue.com/pharmacyinformation).

### What if a medication isn't on the National Drug List?

There may be times when a member's drug isn't on the National Drug List. If the covered alternative options are not right for the member, doctors can submit a request for an exception. This process, called prior authorization, requires doctors to call the Member Services number on the member's ID card or go to [empireblue.com/pharmacyinformation](http://empireblue.com/pharmacyinformation) to download and submit the prior authorization form. Doctors can also submit prior authorizations electronically, which requires less processing time and possible real-time approval so members can fill their prescriptions without delay.

**For the most up-to-date information, members should log in at [empireblue.com](http://empireblue.com) and choose Prescription Benefits.**

Drug class	Medications not on the National Drug List	Preferred alternatives <sup>1</sup>
Allergic Reaction Treatment	AdrenaClick, Auvi-Q, EpiPen, EpiPen JR	Epinephrine auto-injector (Authorized generic EpiPen from Mylan)
Antiviral - oral	Sitavig	acyclovir (oral solution, capsule, tablet), famciclovir tablet, valacyclovir tablet
Antiviral - topical	Zovirax cream	acyclovir (ointment, oral solution, capsule, tablet), famciclovir tablet, valacyclovir tablet
Constipation	Motegrity, Trulance	Amitiza, Linzess, Movantik
Dermatologic - acne topical	Clindagel, Clindamycin phosphate 1% gel (brand version <sup>4</sup> )	clindamycin phosphate [foam, gel (generic versions <sup>5</sup> ), lotion, pledget, solution]
Dermatologic – oral anti-infectives	Acticlate, Adoxa, Doryx, Doryx MPC, Doxycycline IR-DR 40mg Capsule, Minolira ER, Minocin, Monodox, Seysara, Solodyn, Vibramycin 50mg/5ml Syrup, Ximino ER	doxycycline hyclate (immediate release), doxycycline monohydrate (immediate release), doxycycline 25mg/5ml suspension, minocycline, Oracea
Diabetes - Biguanides	Glumetza (brand and generic)	metformin ER (generic Glucophage XR)
Diabetes – DPP4s	Alogliptin, Alogliptin/metformin, Kazano, Kombiglyze XR, Nesina, Onglyza	Januvia, Janumet/XR, Tradjenta, Jentaduetto/XR
Diabetes – GLP1s	Adlyxin, Tanzeum	Byetta, Bydureon/Pen, Ozempic, Trulicity, Victoza
Diabetes – long-acting insulin	Basaglar, Tresiba	Lantus, Levemir, Toujeo
Diabetes – rapid-acting insulin	Admelog, Apidra, Fiasp, Novolin, Novolog	Humulin, Humalog, Insulin Lispro

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<b>Diabetes – SGLT2/combos</b>	Farxiga, Glyxambi, Invokana, Invokamet/XR, Qtern, Segluromet, Steglatro, Steglujan, Xigduo XR	Jardiance, Synjardy/XR
<b>Diabetic Test Strips and Glucometers</b>	All except Accu-Chek and One Touch Products	Accu-Chek and One Touch Products
<b>Dry Eye</b>	Cequa, Lacrisert	Xiidra
<b>Erectile dysfunction</b>	Levitra, Staxyn, Stendra	sildenafil citrate (generic Viagra), tadalafil (generic Cialis)
<b>Growth hormone</b>	Genotropin, Norditropin, Omnitrope, Saizen, Zomacton	Humatrope, Nutropin/AQ
<b>Immunologicals</b>	Actemra, Cimzia, Ilumya, Inflectra, Kevzara, Orencia, Renflexis, Skyrizi, Tremfya	Enbrel, Humira, Remicade, Simponi/Aria, Stelara
<b>Lipid/Cholesterol lowering – fibric acid</b>	Antara, Fenofibrate capsule (50mg, 150mg), Fenofibrate nanocrystallized tablet 160mg, Triglide	fenofibrate nanocrystallized tablet (48mg, 145mg), fenofibrate tablet (40mg, 54mg, 120mg, 160mg) fenofibrate micronized capsule, fenofibric acid, gemfibrozil
<b>Lipid/Cholesterol lowering – Fish Oils (Omega-3 Fatty Acids)</b>	Lovaza (brand and generic), triklo, Vascepa	fenofibrate nanocrystallized tablet (48mg, 145mg), fenofibrate tablet (40mg, 54mg, 120mg, 160mg) fenofibrate micronized capsule, fenofibric acid, gemfibrozil
<b>Lipid/Cholesterol lowering - statin</b>	Lipitor	atorvastatin, rosuvastatin, simvastatin
<b>Multiple sclerosis</b>	Extavia, Rebif	Avonex/Pen, Betaseron, Plegridy
<b>Narcotic antagonists</b>	Evzio auto-injector	naloxone injection, Narcan
<b>Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatories</b>	diclofenac sodium 1.5% topical solution, Duexis, Fenoprofen capsules, Fenortho, Flector, Indocin Suppository & Suspension, klofensaid, Nalfon, Naprelan CR 750mg, Pennsaid 2% Pump, Qmiliz ODT, Sprix, Tivorbex, Vimovo, Vivlodex, Zipsor, Zorvolex	diclofenac 1% gel, diclofenac tablet, fenoprofen tablet, ibuprofen tablet & suspension, indomethacin capsule, meloxicam tablet & suspension, misoprostol, naproxen tablet & suspension
<b>Ophthalmologic - Antihistamine</b>	Bepreve, Pataday, Patanol, Pazeo	azelastine, epinastine
<b>Ovulatory Stimulants</b>	Follistim AQ	Gonal-F
<b>Pain management – transmucosal fentanyl</b>	Abstral, Lazanda, Subsys	fentanyl citrate, Fentora
<b>Pain management – narcotic analgesics</b>	Arymo ER, Embeda, Hysingla ER, Kadian, Morphabond ER, Nucynta ER, Opana ER, Oxycodone ER, Xartemis XR, Xtampza ER, Zohydro ER	hydromorphone er, morphine sulfate er, oxymorphone er
<b>Proton Pump Inhibitors</b>	Aciphex/sprinkle (brand and generic), Dexilant, Esomeprazole Strontium, Nexium/packet (brand and generic), omeppi, Prevacid/ODT (brand and generic), Prilosec/susp, Protonix/susp, Zegerid (brand and generic)	omeprazole, pantoprazole
<b>Respiratory – anti-inflammatory</b>	Aerospan, Alvesco, Armonair Respiclick, Asmanex HFA/Twisthaler, Pulmicort Flexhaler	Arnuity Ellipta, Flovent HFA/Diskus, Qvar Redihaler
<b>Skeletal muscle relaxants</b>	Amrix ER, cyclobenzaprine ER	cyclobenzaprine
<b>Steroids - intranasal</b>	Nasonex, Qnasl/children	mometasone, OTC nasal corticosteroids
<b>Steroids - oral</b>	Rayos	hydrocortisone, methylprednisolone, prednisone, prednisolone
<b>Steroids - topical low potency</b>	Desonate gel, Tridesilon cream, Verdeso foam	hydrocortisone 2.5% (cream, lotion, ointment), alclometasone (cream, ointment)
<b>Steroids - topical medium potency</b>	Locoid lotion	mometasone (cream, ointment, solution), triamcinolone (cream, ointment, solution)
<b>Steroids - topical high potency</b>	Sernivo	betamethasone dp aug cream, fluocinonide (cream, ointment, solution), triamcinolone (cream, ointment)
<b>Testosterone – topical</b>	Axiron, Fortesta, Natesto, Testim, Testosterone Gel 1% (brand versions <sup>2</sup> ), Vogelxo	testosterone gel 1% (generic versions <sup>3</sup> ), testosterone gel 30mg/1.5ml, testosterone gel 1.62%

\*Internal data, 2019

<sup>1</sup>Please note: Preferred alternatives are on multiple tiers, depending on benefit plan. Tiers represent levels of coverage. Member cost share amounts generally increase at higher tier levels.

<sup>2</sup>Upsher Smith; <sup>3</sup>Actavis/Teva; <sup>4</sup>Oceanside; <sup>5</sup>Greenstone, Sandoz