

CLINICAL ADVANTAGE PROGRAM
Formulary Optimization for Low Clinical Value Medications

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| Anti-inflammatory Agents | | | | |
| diclofenac 1.5% topical solution | Osteoarthritis of the knee | \$292/bottle | OTC topical analgesic (ex Voltaren Gel OTC, Capsaicin) or oral NSAID agent (Rx or OTC) | \$10-\$145/30 days |
| Duexis | Osteoarthritis or Rheumatoid arthritis | \$2,443/30 days | Generic OTC or Rx NSAID (ibuprofen) + generic acid reducer (famotidine) | \$35 for OTCs |
| fenoprofen 200 mg capsule | Osteoarthritis or Rheumatoid arthritis | \$1,890/30 days | Generic OTC or Rx NSAID | <\$10 for OTCs |
| Fenortho 200 mg capsule | Osteoarthritis or Rheumatoid arthritis | \$3,364/30 days | Generic OTC or Rx NSAID | <\$10 for OTCs |
| Flector 1.3% patch | Acute pain control | \$367/30 patches | Oral OTC or Rx NSAIDs, OTC topical analgesic (ex Voltaren Gel OTC, Capsaicin), or OTC pain patches | <\$20 for OTCs |
| Naprelan | Osteoarthritis or Rheumatoid arthritis | \$831/30 days | OTC Naproxen | <\$20 for OTCs |
| Pennsaid 2% topical solution | Osteoarthritis of the knee | \$2,448/bottle | OTC topical analgesic (ex Voltaren Gel OTC, Capsaicin) or oral NSAID agent (Rx or OTC) | \$10-\$145 for OTCs |
| Qmii ODT | Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) | no pricing data | Generic Rx meloxicam (Mobic) | \$27/30 days |
| Vimovo | Osteoarthritis or Rheumatoid arthritis | \$2,442/30 days | Generic OTC or Rx NSAID (naproxen) + proton-pump inhibitor (esomeprazole) | \$35 for OTCs |
| Zipsor | Osteoarthritis or Rheumatoid arthritis | \$780/30 days | Generic OTC or Rx NSAID | <\$10 for OTCs |
| Zorvolex | Osteoarthritis or Rheumatoid arthritis | \$250/30 days | Generic OTC or Rx NSAID | <\$10 for OTCs |
| Vivlodex | Osteoarthritis or Rheumatoid arthritis | \$840/30 days | Generic NSAID (Meloxicam) | \$25/30 days |
| Cardiovascular Agents | | | | |
| Antihyperlipidemic | | | | |
| Fenofibrate 120mg | High triglycerides | \$900/30 days | Other dosage forms and strengths of generic fenofibrate | \$60/30 days |
| Lovaza | High triglycerides | \$286/30 days | Generic OTC omega-3 fatty acids | <\$25 for OTCs |
| Niacor | High triglycerides | \$574/30 days | OTC Niacin | <\$20 for OTCs |
| omega-3-acid ethyl esters | High triglycerides | \$53/30 days | Generic OTC omega-3 fatty acids | <\$25 for OTCs |
| Vascepa | High triglycerides | \$275/30 days | Generic OTC omega-3 fatty acids | <\$25 for OTCs |
| Antihypertensives | | | | |
| Consensi | High blood pressure + osteoarthritis | no pricing data | Generic Rx amlodipine (Norvasc) + generic Rx celecoxib (Celebrex) | \$32/30 days |
| Diuretics | | | | |
| CaroSpir suspension | Diuretic / cardiovascular agent | \$1,160/473 mL | Generic Rx spironolactone tablets (can be compounded to liquid by a pharmacist) | \$51/equivalent tablets |
| Prevention | | | | |
| Durlaza | Cardiovascular event prevention | \$180/30 days | Generic OTC Aspirin | <\$20 for OTCs |
| Central Nervous System Agents | | | | |
| Antidepressive Agents | | | | |
| Aplenzin | Depression | \$1,800/30 days | Generic bupropion HCL ER or immediate release tablets | \$120/30 days |
| Anti-Parkinson Agents | | | | |
| Gocovri | Parkinson's tremors | \$2,337/30 days | Generic Rx immediate release amantadine | \$31/30 days |
| Osmolex ER | Parkinson's tremors | \$886/30 days | Generic Rx immediate release amantadine | \$31/30 days |
| Hypnotics/Sedatives/Sleep Disorder Agents | | | | |
| Edluar | Insomnia | \$365/30 tabs | Generic Rx zolpidem (Ambien) | \$16/30 tabs |
| Intermezzo | Insomnia | \$450/30 tabs | Generic Rx zolpidem (Ambien) | \$16/30 tabs |
| Migraine Products | | | | |
| Allzital | Migraine relief | \$490/ 30 tabs | Generic OTC or Rx acetaminophen or NSAID; or other generic butalbital-acetaminophen combination | \$45/30 tabs |
| Cambia powder packet | Migraine relief | \$670/9 packets | Generic Rx antimigraine agent such as sumatriptan (Imitrex) | \$45/9 tabs |
| sumatriptan / naproxen | Migraine relief | \$179/9 tabs | Generic Rx sumatriptan (Imitrex) + as needed OTC NSAID (naproxen) | \$45/9 tabs |
| Tosymra | Migraine relief | \$700/box | Generic Rx antimigraine agent such as sumatriptan (Imitrex) | \$45/9 tabs |
| Treximet | Migraine relief | \$952/9 tabs | Generic Rx sumatriptan (Imitrex) + as needed OTC NSAID (naproxen) | \$45/9 tabs |
| Musculoskeletal Therapy Agents | | | | |
| Amrix | Muscle relaxant | \$1,072/30 caps | Generic Rx cyclobenzaprine (Flexeril) | \$27/30 days |
| Fexmid 7.5mg tab | Muscle relaxant | \$250/30 tabs | Generic Rx cyclobenzaprine (Flexeril) 5mg or 10mg tablets | \$27/30 days |
| Neurological Agents | | | | |
| Gralise | Postherpetic neuralgia (nerve condition) | \$750/30 days of max dose | Generic Rx immediate release gabapentin (Neurontin) | \$135/30 days of max dose |
| Horizant | Postherpetic neuralgia (nerve condition) | \$830/30 days of max dose | Generic Rx immediate release gabapentin (Neurontin) | \$135/30 days of max dose |
| Qudexy XR | Migraine prevention or anticonvulsant | \$785/30 days | Generic Rx immediate release topiramate (Topamax) | \$275/30 days |
| Trokendi XR | Migraine prevention or anticonvulsant | \$972/30 days | Generic Rx immediate release topiramate (Topamax) | \$275/30 days |
| Dermatological Agents | | | | |
| Alcortin A external gel | Non-inflammatory skin disease | \$7,841/48g tube | Generic Rx iodoquinol / hydrocortisone (Dermazene or Vytone) | \$93/30g tube |
| Altreno 0.05% lotion | Topical acne lotion | \$113/45g tube | OTC benzoyl peroxide or salicylic acid acne treatment | <\$10 for OTCs |
| ApexiCon E 0.05% cream | Topical steroid cream | \$430/60g tube | Generic Rx topical steroid such as triamcinolone or halobetasol formulation | \$5/80g - \$53/50g |
| Bensal HP 3% ointment | Topical dermatitis ointment | \$900/30g tube | OTC benzoyl peroxide or salicylic acid treatment | <\$10 for OTCs |
| Bryhali 0.01% lotion | Topical steroid lotion | \$394/100g tube | Generic Rx topical steroid such as triamcinolone or alternate halobetasol formulation | \$5/80g - \$53/50g |
| Centany Kit | Topical antibiotic | \$330/kit | Generic mupirocin 2% ointment , along with OTC latex-free gauze pads and cloth tape strips for securing gauze | \$85/22g tube |
| Cordran tape | Topical steroid | \$695/each | Generic Rx topical steroid such as triamcinolone or halobetasol formulation | \$5/80g - \$53/50g |
| DermacinRx All Product Extensions** | Topical steroid/analgesic/anti-inflammatory | \$3,000/pack | Generic OTC topical analgesics, corticosteroids, or anti-inflammatory PLUS hydrating agents like petroleum jelly | \$5/80g - \$53/50g |
| doxepin 5% cream | Topical emollient | \$144/45g tube | OTC diphenhydramine or topical OTC or Rx steroid cream | <\$20 for OTCs |
| EpiCeram skin barrier | Skin lubricant, mositurizer, or barrier | \$2,289/90g tube | Topical OTC emollient such as Aquaphor or Vaseline | <\$10 for OTCs |
| Entty emulsion spray | Topical emollient | \$1476/250 mL bottle | OTC topical emollient such as Vaseline, Aquaphor, or Aloe | <\$20 for OTCs |
| Jublia | Toe nail fungus | \$1,127/8 mL bottle | Oral generic Rx terbinafine (Lamisil) | \$77/30 tabs |
| KamDoy Rx skin emulsion | Topical emollient | \$1,275/60mL bottle | OTC topical lidocaine with emollient such as Vaseline or Aquaphor | <\$20 for OTCs |
| Kerydin | Toe nail fungus | \$1,487/10 mL bottle | Oral generic Rx terbinafine (Lamisil) | \$77/30 tabs |
| Kenalog spray | Topical steroid spray | \$815/100g bottle | Generic Rx topical steroid in cream or ointment formulation such as betamethasone or fluticasone | \$5/80g - \$53/50g |
| Luzu 1% cream | Topical antifungal | \$484/60g tube | Topical OTC antifungal such as Lotrimin or topical generic Rx such as ketoconazole | <\$25 for OTCs |
| Novacort gel | Non-inflammatory skin disease | \$5,857/29g tube | Generic Rx topical corticosteroid or OTC Preparation H | <\$10 for OTCs |
| Pramosone cream | Non-inflammatory skin disease | \$402/60g tube | Generic Rx topical corticosteroid or OTC Preparation H | <\$10 for OTCs |
| Prudoxin 5% cream | Topical emollient | \$642/45g tube | OTC diphenhydramine or topical OTC or Rx steroid cream | <\$20 for OTCs |

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| Psorcon | Topical steroid | \$930/60g tube | Generic Rx topical steroid in cream or ointment formulation such as betamethasone or fluticasone | \$5/80g - \$53/50g |
| Sernivo | Topical steroid | \$1,000/120ml bottle | Generic Rx topical steroid in cream, ointment, or lotion formulation such as betamethasone | \$5/80g - \$53/50g |
| Sil-K pad | Topical emollient | \$4,795/4-pad pack | OTC Duoderm products | <\$20 for OTCs |
| Sitavig buccal tablet | Oral antiviral (treatment for cold sores) | \$477/treatment course | OTC topical antiviral (Abreva) | <\$20 for OTCs |
| Synerderm emulsion | Topical emollient | \$1,225/60 mL bottle | OTC topical emollient such as Vaseline, Aquaphor, or Aloe | <\$20 for OTCs |
| Zonalon 5% cream | Topical emollient | \$854/45g tube | OTC diphenhydramine or topical OTC or Rx steroid cream | <\$20 for OTCs |
| Xolegel 2% gel | Topical antifungal | \$770/45g tube | Topical OTC antifungal such as Lotrimin or topical generic Rx such as ketoconazole | <\$25 for OTCs |
| Epiduo Forte | Topical antiseptic/acne | \$730/45g tube | OTC adapalene (Differin gel) and benzoyl peroxide (Clean & Clear Persa-Gel 10) | <\$25 for OTCs |
| Duobrii | Topical steroid | \$1,049/100g tube | Generic Rx topical steroid such as halobetasol or clobetasol + tazarotene | <\$500/30 days |
| Endocrine and Metabolic Agents | | | | |
| Antidiabetics | | | | |
| Glumetza | Oral antidiabetic agent | \$6,573/30 days of max dose | Generic Rx metformin ER (Glucophage XR formulation) | \$20/30 days of max dose |
| metformin ER gastric or MOD | Oral antidiabetic agent | \$1,443/30 days of max dose | Generic Rx metformin ER (Glucophage XR formulation) | \$20/30 days of max dose |
| Corticosteroids | | | | |
| Rayos | Steroidal anti-inflammatory | \$82 per tablet | Generic Rx prednisone or methylprednisolone | <\$10 for steroid pack |
| Gastrointestinal Agents | | | | |
| Bonjesta | Nausea/vomiting | \$630/30 days | Generic Rx Doxylamine and Pyridoxine | \$80/30 days |
| omeprazole / sodium bicarbonate | Heart burn | \$656/30 days | Generic Rx or OTC proton-pump inhibitor + OTC Tums | <\$25 for OTCs |
| Zegerid | Heart burn | \$3,254/30 days | Generic Rx or OTC proton-pump inhibitor + OTC Tums | <\$25 for OTCs |
| Dexilant | Indigestion/Gastroesophageal reflux disease | \$370/30 days | Generic Rx or OTC proton-pump inhibitor | <\$25 for OTCs |
| Diclegis | Nausea/vomiting | \$784/30 days of max dose | OTC vitamin B6 + Unisom | <\$20 for OTCs of max dose |
| Hematological Agents | | | | |
| Yosprala | Secondary prevention of cardiovascular event | \$162/30 days | Generic OTC aspirin + OTC omeprazole (Prilosec) | <\$25 for OTCs |
| Nutrients and Nutritional Agents | | | | |
| Dietary Management agents (such as Xyzbac) | Dietary supplement | \$808/30 tabs | OTC multivitamin plus OTC CoQ10 + Rx folic acid | <\$20 for OTCs |
| Folika-D | Folic Acid/Vitamin D Supplement | \$1,500/30 days | OTC oral vitamin D + Rx folic acid | <\$20 for OTCs |
| Folika-V | Dietary supplement | \$1,800/30 days | OTC multivitamin plus OTC CoQ10 + Rx folic acid | <\$20 for OTCs |
| Nascobal nasal solution | Vitamin B-12 supplement | \$549/30 days | OTC oral vitamin B-12 or Rx injectable vitamin B-12 | <\$10 for OTC or Rx |
| Ophthalmic and Otic Agents | | | | |
| Cequa 0.09% ophthalmic solution | Dry eye relief | \$499/30 days | OTC ophthalmic lubricants | <\$10 for OTCs |
| Vyzulta 0.024% ophthalmic solution | Glaucoma | \$177/2.5 mL bottle | Generic Rx latanoprost (Xalatan) | \$11/2.5mL bottle |
| Xelpros 0.005% ophthalmic solution | Glaucoma | \$5/2.5ml bottle | Generic Rx latanoprost (Xalatan) | \$11/2.5mL bottle |
| Xiidra 5% ophthalmic solution | Dry eye disease | \$499/box | OTC ophthalmic antihistamine or lubricant or Rx generic antihistamine | <\$10 for OTCs |
| Respiratory Agents | | | | |
| Cough/Cold/Allergy/Antihistamine | | | | |
| Claritin | Allergy relief | \$13/30 tabs | OTC antihistamine | <\$20/30 tabs |
| Claritin-D | Allergy relief | \$34/30 tabs | OTC antihistamine + decongestant | <\$30/30 tabs |
| SSKI | Expectorant or antidote | \$319/30 mL | OTC Mucinex for expectorant or OTC ThyroShield for antidote | <\$20 for OTCs |
| Nasal Agents- Systemic And Topical | | | | |
| Sinuva | Nasal polyps | \$1,255/implant | OTC fluticasone (Flonase) nasal spray or oral antihistamine + decongestant | <\$20 for OTCs |
| Xhance | Allergy relief | \$510/bottle | OTC fluticasone (Flonase) nasal spray or oral antihistamine + decongestant | \$75/bottle |
| Anti-Infective Agents | | | | |
| Antibiotics | | | | |
| Ximino capsule | Antibiotic | \$914/30 days | Generic Rx minocycline ER tablet | \$75/30 days |

* Any current or future generic alternatives of the listed brand medications also are excluded.

**All formulations of DermacinRx are excluded, alternatives will be dependent upon individual formulation

ACHIEVE A CLINICAL ADVANTAGE

Our Clinical Advantage Program ensures the prescription drug program is optimized to save clients money and create a high level of member satisfaction. Find out how low clinical value medications are impacting your clients' pharmacy plan. On average, clients save 1.5% - 2%.