

Cost Saving Analysis

Analysis of possible options or alternatives for current medications

Medication	Medication Name	Pills Per Day	Pills Per Month	Current Patient Cost or AWP	All Prices are for 30 day supply			Yearly Savings
					PHD Price	PHD Price	PHD Price	
Current	Prevacid 15 mg Cap	1	30	\$142.50	\$142.50			\$0.00
Option 1	Prilosec OTC 20 mg cap	1	30			\$21.00		\$1,458.00
Option 2	ranitidine (Zantac) 300 mg tab	1	30				\$10.80	\$1,580.40

Both Prevacid and Prilosec are in the same class of drug. Prilosec OTC is only available in a 20 mg dose. It cost much less. A second option is generic Zantac, it may not be as effective for some people, but, it is from a similar class of drug with a similar effect.

Current	Lipitor 40 mg tab	1	30	\$120.90	\$120.90			\$0.00
Option 1	Lipitor 80 mg tab	0.5	15			\$60.45		\$725.40
Option 2	Simvastatin 20mg tab (Zocor)	1	30				\$15.00	\$1,270.80

One option is to split a 80 mg Lipitor and take 1/2 tab daily. By ordering 30 pills you only pay a brand name co-pay every other month - saving six large co-pays a year. Simvastin is the generic of Zocor and is one of the most potent Statin drug like Lipitor.

Current	Diovan 320 mg tab	2	60	\$156.00	\$156.00			\$0.00
Option 1	Benicar 40 mg tab	2	60			\$105.00		\$612.00
Option 2	lisinopril 40mg tab(Prinivil)	2	60				\$24.00	\$1,584.00

Diovan and Benicar are both in the same class of drug with a similar medical benefit and side effect profile. A second option is lisinopril, which is in a different class of drug that typically has a similar medical benefit and is often preferred unless there is a response to the slightly higher side effect profile such as a cough.

Current	Aricept 5 mg tab	1	30	\$171.90	\$171.90			\$0.00
Option 1	Aricept 10 mg tab	0.5	15			\$79.50		\$1,108.80
Option 2								

Splitting a 10 mg Aricept and taking half a pill a day can save money. For Drug Cards- . By ordering 30 pills you only pay a brand name co-pay every other month - saving six co-pays a year.

Current	Prozac weekly 90 mg - Pack of 4		1	\$105.00	\$105.00			\$0.00
Option 1	fluoxetine (Prozac) 20 mg cap		7			\$2.38		\$1,231.44
Option 2	fluoxetine (Prozac) 10 mg cap		7				\$2.94	\$1,224.72

Fluoxetine is generic for Prozac. However, Prozac weekly is not available generically. Substituting a daily dose of genric Prozac will provide a similar medical effect and a similar side effect profile at a much lower cost.

Current	Celebrex 200 mg cap	1	30	\$108.00	\$108.00			\$0.00
Option 1	Meloxicam 7.5mg tab (Mobic)	1	30			\$15.00		\$1,116.00
Option 2	diclofenac sodDR 75mg(Voltraren)	1	30				\$10.50	\$1,170.00

Celebrex is a Cox II Inhibitor - and as a capsule is not splittable. An other option is using a NSAID such as diclofenac or Mobic (meloxicam) which can have side effects such as stomach irritation - take with food or possibly with a Zantac 75 OTC to reduce stomach irritation.

Each line of Total Medication Cost Includes all medications (or corresponding option)	Patient Total Current Cost:	Total Monthly Cost		Total Yearly Saving:
		\$804.30		
	Current Meds PHD Price:	\$804.30		\$0.00
	Total Cost with Option 1:	\$283.33		\$6,251.64
Total Cost with Option 2:	\$142.74		\$7,938.72	

NOTES: This analysis of possible options and alternatives for expensive drugs is provided for informational purposes only, and is not a substitute for the advice of your physician. The dose of the substitute is an approximate equivalent dose to your current medication, your physician may have to adjust the dosage to achieve the desired effect. Side effects vary among all individuals, some options identified have different side effect profiles from the current medication. Only your physician can determine if any of these options are appropriate for you.