

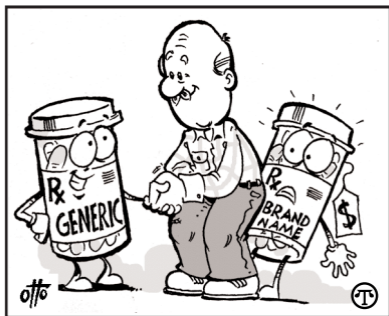


Ask Your Pharmacist

Save With Generics

(NAPSA)—As the price of prescription medicine continues to rise, more people may explore the cost-cutting option of generic drugs. Here are some commonly asked questions about generic drugs, answered by drugstore.com clinical pharmacist Dave Krishna.

Q: How can drugstores sell generic versions of medication for so much less and will they work as well?



A generic drug may not look like a brand name drug but the FDA ensures it is as safe and effective.

A: The FDA lets manufacturers produce generic drugs after the original patent has expired. Because the generic marketplace is more competitive, prices can be less expensive. All generic drugs must receive FDA approval to ensure safety, quality and efficacy.

Q: How can I find a generic version of my drug?

A: Ask your doctor or pharmacist about generic alternatives whenever you refill or get a new prescription. Some online stores, including the drugstore.com pharmacy, provide information on generic options when you purchase a brand name drug. The drugstore.com pharmacy lets you register for e-mail notification of upcoming generic drug launches.

Generic drugs can be a smart way to save on health care costs.