

Essential Formulary Drug Alternatives

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Below are alternate choices for many common drugs not covered on the Essential drug list.

Category	Non-Covered Drug	Covered Drug
ALLERGIC REACTIONS		
Anaphylaxis Treatment	Auvi-Q, EpiPen, Epinephrine injection made by Impax	Epinephrine injection (Authorized Generic of EpiPen made by Mylan)
ANALGESICS		
Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents	Cambia, Vivlodex, Zipsor	celecoxib, diclofenac, diflunisal, etodolac, fenoprofen, ibuprofen, indomethacin, ketoprofen, ketorolac, meloxicam, nabumetone, naproxen, oxaprozin, piroxicam, sulindac, tolmetin
ANTICONVULSANTS		
Antiepilepsy	Trokendi XR	topiramate ER
AUTONOMIC & CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM		
Interferon Beta Medications for Multiple Sclerosis	Extavia, Plegridy, Rebif	Avonex, Betaseron
Oral Long-Acting Opioid Analgesics	Arymo ER, Embeda, Hysingla ER, Nucynta ER, Opana ER, Xtampza ER, Zohydro ER	hydromorphone HCl ER, morphine sulfate ER, oxycodone HCl ER, OxyContin
Oral Short-Acting Opioid Analgesics	Nucynta	codeine sulfate, hydromorphone HCl, morphine sulfate, oxycodone HCl, oxycodone HCl
Transmucosal Fentanyl Analgesics	Abstral, Fentora, Lazanda, Subsys	fentanyl citrate lozenge
Medication Assisted Treatment	Bunavail, Suboxone, Zubsolv	buprenorphine/naloxone SL tabs
DERMATOLOGICAL AGENTS		
Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory	Pennsaid	diclofenac solution
Topical Acne Treatment	Acanya, Aktipak, Veltin	adapalene, adapalene/benzoyl peroxide, clindamycin gel/lotion/solution, clindamycin/benzoyl peroxide, erythromycin/benzoyl peroxide, tretinoin cream
DIABETES		
Blood Glucose Meters, Test Strips and Control Solutions	Examples: Abbott (FreeStyle, Precision), Arkray(GlucoCard), Bayer (Breeze, Contour), Nipro (TRUEtest, TRUEtrack)	Lifescan (One Touch products), Roche (Accu-Chek)
Dipeptidyl Peptidase-4 (DPP4) Inhibitors & Combinations	Alogliptin(M), Alogliptin with metformin(M), Alogliptin with pioglitazone(M), Kazano, Kombiglyze XR, Nesina, Onglyza, Oseni	Janumet, Janumet XR, Januvia, Jentadueto, Jentadueto XR, Tradjenta

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Sodium-glucose co-transporter (SGLT2) Inhibitors & Combinations	Farxiga, Xigduo XR, Steglatro, Segluromet	Invokamet, Invokamet XR, Invokana, Jardiance, Synjardy, Synjardy XR
Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 (GLP1) Agonists	Adlyxin, Tanzeum, Trulicity	Bydureon, Byetta, Ozempic, Victoza
Oral Combination Products	Steglujan	Glyxambi
Insulins	Humulin	Novolin
Rapid-acting insulin	Fiasp, Humalog	Novolog
Basal insulin	Basaglar	Lantus, Levemir, Toujeo, Tresiba
ENDOCRINE (OTHER)		
Growth Hormones	Genotropin, Humatrope, Nutropin, Omnitrope, Saizen, Zomacton	Norditropin
Topical Testosterone Gels	Androgel, Fortesta, Testim, Testosterone 2% Gel (M), Volgelxo	testosterone gel 1.62%
GASTROINTESTINAL		
Anti-Diarrheal Agents	Motofen	diphenoxylate/atropine
Anti-Inflammatory, Anti-Ulcer Agents	Duexis, Vimovo	famotidine PLUS ibuprofen, omeprazole PLUS naproxen
	Zorvolex	ibuprofen, naproxen
Inflammatory Bowel Disease	Asacol HD, Delzicol	balsalazide, Apriso, mesalamine DR
Proton Pump Inhibitors	Dexilant, esomeprazole	omeprazole, pantoprazole, lansoprazole,
Pancreatic Enzymes	Pancreaze, Pertzeye, Viokace	Creon, Zenpep
HEMATOLOGICAL		
Erythropoiesis-Stimulating Agents	Aranesp, Epogen	Procrit
MUSCULOSKELETAL		
Muscle Relaxant	Amrix, tizanidine caps	Cyclobenzaprine, tizanidine tabs
OPHTHALMIC		
Antiglaucoma Drugs	Rescula, Zioptan	latanoprost ophthalmic solution, Lumigan, Travatan Z
RESPIRATORY		
Pulmonary Anti-Inflammatory Inhalers	Alvesco, Asmanex, QVAR, QVAR Redihaler	Arnuity Ellipta, Flovent Diskus, Flovent HFA, Pulmicort Flexhaler
Pulmonary Anti-Inflammatory, Long-Acting Beta Agonist Combination Inhalers	AirDuo, Dulera	Advair Diskus, Advair HFA, Breo Ellipta, Symbicort
Short-Acting Beta-2 Adrenergic Inhalers	Levalbuterol Inhaler (M), Proventil HFA, Xopenex HFA	ProAir HFA, Ventolin HFA
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (inhaled anticholinergics)	Tudorza	Incruse Ellipta, Spiriva
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Long-Acting Beta Agonist & Anticholinergic	Bevespi, Utibron	Anoro Ellipta, Stiolto Respimat
Cystic Fibrosis (inhaled antibiotics)	Bethkis, Kitabis Pak, TOBI Podhaler	Tobramycin Neb (M)
UROLOGICAL		
Erectile Dysfunction Oral Agents	Levitra, Staxyn, Stendra, Viagra, Cialis	sildenafil, tadalafil

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