

## CHEAPER BRAND MEDICINES PROVIDE THE SAME QUALITY

Some medicines that cost more than \$4.90 are available in another brand for \$4.90 for people on a pension or concession. A pharmacist can give you a cheaper brand if you ask for it, and there is one available. Cheaper brands provide the same quality as the dearer brands. They are only approved by the government if they work in the body in the same way as the dearer brand, the active ingredient is the same, only the filler is changed. Below are the most commonly prescribed drugs used by seniors at home. For information about others, contact **PBS Hotline, 1800 020 613**:

Dearer Brand (More than \$4.90)	Bioequivalent Brand (Cost only \$4.90)	Main Use
Adalat 10	SBPA Nifedipine + 3 others	Heart, High blood pressure
Adalat 20	Nifecard	Heart
Aldactone tablets	Spiractin	Diuretic, Blood Pressure
Aldomet 250mg	Hydopa, Aldopren	Blood Pressure
Amoxil	Alphamox, Cilamox + 4 others	Infection
Augmentin	Clamoxyl	Infection
Betaloc	Minax, Metohexal	Heart, Blood Pressure
Betoptic 0.5	BetoQuin	Glaucoma
Capoten	Acenom, Enzace + 4 others	Blood Pressure
Cardizem 60mg	Coras, Dilzem + 4 others	Heart and Blood Pressure
Ceclor CD	Keflor CD	Infection
Clinoril	Aclin	Arthritis
Cordilox	Anpec, Verahexal	Heart, Blood Pressure
Daonil	Glimel	Diabetes
Diabex	Diaformin, Glucohexal, Glucomet	Diabetes
Diprosone	Eleuphrat	Skin Rash
Duphalac	Actilax, Lac-Dol	Laxative
Dyazide	Hydrene	Diuretic
EES	E-Mycin	Infection
Elderpryl	Selgene	Parkinson's Disease
Epilim EC	Valpro	Epilepsy
Feldene and Feldene D	Rosig, Candy, Pirohexal, Mobilis	Arthritis
Glucophage	Diaformin, Glucohexal, Glucomet	Diabetes
Imdur	Monodur, Duride, Imtrate	Angina
Imodium	Gastro-stop, Loperamide	Diarrhoea
Inderal	Deralin	Heart, Blood Pressure
Indocid	Arthrexin	Arthritis
Isoptin and Isoptin SR	Anpec and Anpec SR, Verahexal	Heart, Blood Pressure
Isordil	Sorbidin	Heart
Keflex	Ibilex, Cilex, DBL Cephalexin	Infection
Kenacomb Otic	Otocomb Otic	Ear Infection
Lasix	Uremide	Diuretic
Lioresal	Clofen	Muscle Relaxant



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Lomotil	Lofenoxal	Diarrhoea
Lopid	Jezil, Gemhexal + 3 others	Lowers Cholesterol
Losec	Maxor, Acimax	Stomach
Melleril	Aldazine	Acute Anxiety
Midamor	Kaluril, Midoride 5	Diuretic
Minidiab	Melizide	Diabetes
Minipress	Pressin, Prasig, Mipraz	Blood Pressure
Moduretic	Amizide, Modizide	Diuretic
Mogadon	Alodorm	Sleeping
Mylanta	Gelusil	Heartburn
Naprosyn	Inza	Arthritis
Naprosyn SR	Proxen SR	Arthritis
Natrilix	Dapa-Tabs, Napamide + 3 others	Blood Pressure
Normison	Temaze 10, Temtabs, Nocturne	Sleeping
Ogen	General	HRT
Orudis SR	Oruvail SR	Arthritis
Parlodel	Krypton + 3 others	Parkinson's Disease
Plendil ER	Agon SR, Felodur ER	Heart, Blood Pressure
Prothiaden	Dothep	Depression
Provera	Ralovera	Hormone Replacement
Prozac 20	Lovan, Zactin + 4 others	Depression
Quinate	Quinsul	Muscle Cramps
Ramace	Tritace	Blood Pressure
Rhinocort AQ	Budamax AQ	Allergic Rhinitis
Rivotril	Paxam	Epilepsy
Salazopyrin EN	Pyralin EN	Crohn's Disease, Arthritis
Serepax 15, 30mg	Murelax, Alepam	Anxiety
Sinemet 100/25	Kinson	Parkinson's Disease
Sofradex	Otodex	Ear Infection
Sotacor	Cardol, Sotahexal	Heart
Tenormin	Noten, Anselol + 4 others	Blood Pressure
Timoptol	Tenopt, Optimal	Glaucoma
Tolvon	Lumin	Depression
Trandate	Presolol	Blood Pressure
Triprim	Alprim	Infection
Tryptanol	Endep, Tryptine	Depression
Valium	Antenex	Anxiety, Muscle Relaxant
Ventolin Inhaler	Asmol	Asthma
Ventolin Nebules	Respax, Asmol	Asthma
Vibramycin	Doxy 100, Doxyhexal + 4 others	Infection
Visken	Barbloc	Blood pressure
Voltaren 50	Fenac, Diclohexal	Arthritis
Zyloprim	Progout, Allohexal + 2 others	Gout
Zantac	Rani 2, DBL Ranitidine	Stomach



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