

WE MAKE MEDICINE, SO YOU CAN MAKE MORE MEMORIES.

Find out more about why generic medications are a safe, effective option.



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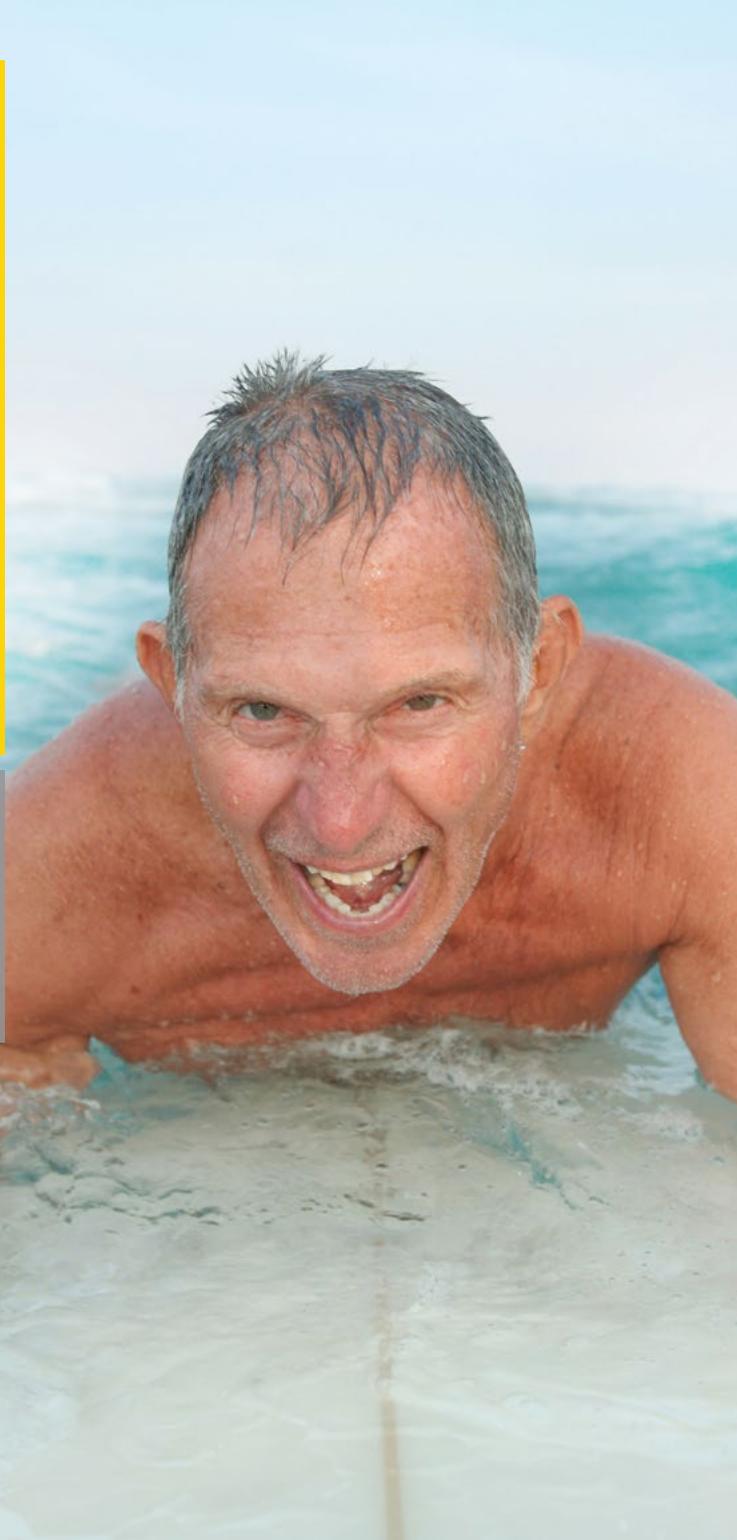
At Teva Canada, we make generic and brand-name drugs, including more than 400 products indicated for conditions such as ear infections, diabetes, heart disease, multiple sclerosis and cancer. For 50 years, we've played a vital role in the sustainability of Canada's healthcare system. In fact, our products fill nearly 200,000 prescriptions in Canada every day,* which means there's a good chance someone you love has used one of our medications.

We hope the information in this brochure helps answer some questions you may have about generic medication.

TEVA IS A MEDICINE COMPANY

Because we make both brand-name and generic medications, we have a unique perspective. We know that there's a time and a place for each.

When a generic medicine is available, choose it from a top-quality company with a well-established track record.



1. Can I trust a generic medication to be the same as a brand-name medication?

Yes! Before it can be marketed, a generic medication undergoes studies and testing to prove it works the same as the brand-name reference product. To be approved by Health Canada, generic medications must:

- contain the same amount of active ingredient as the brand-name product (in spite of some misconceptions that have been circulating in the media, they *cannot* contain more or less active ingredient)
- reach the same concentration (that is, get to the same level in the bloodstream in the same amount of time) to be considered “bioequivalent”
- meet the strict manufacturing-quality requirements, set by Health Canada, that apply to both generic and brand-name medications.*

GENERIC DRUGS ARE THE SAME AS BRAND-NAME DRUGS

They contain the same amount of active ingredient—never more or less. They act the same way in your body. And they must meet the same manufacturing-quality requirements.

*Requirements available at hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/compli-conform/gmp-bpf/docs/gui-0001-eng.php.



A woman with long dark hair, wearing a light blue cardigan over a plaid top, is smiling and looking upwards while riding a bicycle on a dirt path. In the background, a man in a plaid vest is also riding a bicycle. The scene is set in a rural area with rolling green hills under a clear sky.

2. What about non-active ingredients?

Because generic medications contain the same active ingredient as the brand-name drug, side effects from the active ingredient will be the same.

Medications also contain non-active ingredients, which allow us to make a tablet or capsule that is homogeneous and delivers a correct and usable dosage of active ingredient. In many cases, we use the same non-active ingredients as the brand-name drug—often from the exact same supplier!

There are instances in which the non-active ingredients may differ slightly (although they must still meet rigorous testing and national standards). It is possible that some people are sensitive to this difference.

All of our medications are accompanied by a patient-information leaflet. This leaflet provides information on non-active ingredients.

CANADIAN HOSPITALS CHOOSE GENERIC DRUGS
Did you know that, when a product is available as a generic medicine, it is the choice of Canadian hospitals? If our healthcare professionals trust generic drugs and enjoy the cost savings they deliver, you can too.

3. How can I trust that Teva's generic medications are safe?

At Teva, we produce hundreds of different medications in Canada and around the world, in facilities specifically designed for manufacturing high-quality, affordable pharmaceuticals. For us, quality is not a department, but a culture and philosophy that focuses on continuous improvement and collaboration at all stages of our manufacturing process.

In fact, Teva Canada is audited every two years by Health Canada and the US FDA. In the past five years alone, we have hosted 40 inspections—seven from the FDA, 15 from Health Canada, 11 from customers and seven from our internal global inspection partners—all of which have been successful.

If you want to see how and where we make our medications, please visit TevaMakesMedicines.ca/Videos.

TEVA CANADA HAS NEVER FAILED AN INSPECTION

“Quality beyond compliance”—making safe, effective medications, whether they are brand name or generic—is our commitment to you. Teva Canada has never failed an inspection, whether from Health Canada or the FDA.

Answers to your questions about quality ▶





4. *Why do generic drugs cost less?*

At Teva, we make brand-name and generic drugs, so we understand the critical role that both types of medications play in Canadian healthcare.

When a company invents a new medication, they have to recoup their research investment, which is why brand-name drugs are protected by patents and their prices are higher.

When the patent expires, generic versions of the drug can be produced. The generic-drug manufacturer can use much of the research that has already been conducted, allowing them to offer patients greatly reduced costs for the same medicine—on average, costs that are 60% to 80% lower.

In addition to matching the safety, efficacy and quality of the brand-name products, generic drugs bring savings to you, your employer-sponsored drug plan and the healthcare system—savings that can be reinvested in other areas of healthcare for Canadians.

Make smart choices—ask for generic medicine from a top-quality company with a well-established track record.

MANAGE YOUR HEALTH AND WALLET WITH GENERIC MEDICATIONS

Even if you have a private health plan that covers the cost of a brand-name drug, choosing a generic version could reduce your co-pay—and allow your employer to make your plan stronger in other important areas, such as special therapies, vision and dental care.

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**We make medicine.
You make more memories.**

Teva Canada manufactures billions of tablets and capsules annually in our state-of-the-art Canadian facilities. You can recognize our generic products easily—just look for the prefixes “Novo-,” “ratio-” and “Teva-.”

For more information about Teva Canada and our medicines, please visit us at **TevaMakesMedicines.ca**.

If you have any questions about your medications, please speak with your physician or pharmacist.

*Answers to your questions
about generic medications* ▶

