



Drug Cost Comparison

Drug Name	Estimated Daily Dose	Estimated Daily Cost
Acetaminophen Extra Strength 500 mg/TAB	4 g/day	\$ 0.23 (OTC*) \$0.14 (S.A.*)
Acetaminophen CR formulation (Tylenol Arthritis, [®] or generic)	3.9 g/day	\$ 0.56
Buprenorphine patch	20 µg/h q7days	\$ 6.84 (\$47.88 for 2 patches of 10 µg/h)
Desipramine	50 mg/day	\$ 0.72
Fentanyl patch	25 µg/h q3days	\$ 1.88 (\$5.64/patch)
Gabapentin	300 mg/day	\$ 0.66
Hydromorphone IR	6 mg/day	\$ 0.46
Hydromorphone CR	6 mg/day	\$ 1.40
Methadone	6 mg/day	\$ 1.08
Nabilone	2 mg/day	\$13.28
Nortriptyline	50 mg/day	\$ 0.48
Oxycodone IR	20 mg/day	\$ 0.56
Oxycodone CR	20 mg/day	\$ 1.82
Pregabalin	75 mg/day	\$ 1.70
THC: CBD (Sativex [®])	10 sprays/day	\$27.15 (\$138.51 for 1 vial of 51 doses)
Topiramate	200 mg/day	\$ 1.91 (1 TAB of 200 mg) \$ 2.56 (2 TABS of 100 mg)
Tramadol	200 mg/day	\$ 2.56
Tramadol-Acetaminophen (Tramacet [®])	2 TABS/day	\$ 1.50
Venlafaxine	75 mg/day	\$ 0.98

Topical Agents	Usual Format	Cost for Specific Format
Diclofenac 1.16% Emulgel	30 g	\$ 9.99
Diclofenac 5% in Phlojel	25 g	\$21.50
Diclofenac 10% in Phlojel	25 g	\$25.00
Capsaicin cream 0.025%	25 g	\$ 8.50
Capsaicin cream 0.075%	25 g	\$ 9.50

Drugs covered under BCPRA

Drugs covered under Pharmacare

Drugs needing a special authority request to be covered under Pharmacare

*OTC: Over the counter medication

*S.A.: Pharmacare special authority

All prices listed are as of October 2011