










## Beta-Blocker Cost Comparison

*Updated November 2006 (Costs for September 2006)*

|                    | Generic Name and Dose    | Brand Name <sup>1</sup> | Frequency of Use per Day <sup>2</sup> | Average Monthly Cost <sup>3</sup> | Best Buy Indication                       |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
|                    | Acebutolol 200mg         | Sectral                 | Two                                   | \$203                             |   |
|                    | Acebutolol 200mg         | Generic                 | Two                                   | \$46                              |   |
|                    | Acebutolol 400mg         | Sectral                 | Two                                   | \$265                             |   |
|                    | Acebutolol 400mg         | Generic                 | Two                                   | \$58                              |   |
|                    | Atenolol 25mg            | Tenormin                | One                                   | \$51                              |   |
| <b>CR BEST BUY</b> | <b>Atenolol 25mg</b>     | <b>Generic</b>          | One                                   | \$11                              | High Blood Pressure, Angina, Heart Attack |
|                    | Atenolol 50mg            | Tenormin                | One                                   | \$51                              |   |
| <b>CR BEST BUY</b> | <b>Atenolol 50mg</b>     | Generic                 | One                                   | \$11                              | High Blood Pressure, Angina, Heart Attack |
|                    | Atenolol 100mg           | Tenormin                | One                                   | \$77                              |   |
| <b>CR BEST BUY</b> | <b>Atenolol 100mg</b>    | Generic                 | One                                   | \$14                              | High Blood Pressure, Angina, Heart Attack |
|                    | Betaxolol 10mg           | Kerlone                 | One                                   | \$46                              |   |
|                    | Betaxolol 10mg           | Generic                 | One                                   | \$30                              |   |
|                    | Betaxolol 20mg           | Kerlone                 | One                                   | \$71                              |   |
|                    | Betaxolol 20mg           | Generic                 | One                                   | \$44                              |   |
|                    | Bisoprolol 5mg           | Zebeta                  | One                                   | \$82                              |   |
| <b>CR BEST BUY</b> | <b>Bisoprolol 5mg</b>    | Generic                 | One                                   | \$39                              | Mild to Moderate Heart Failure            |
|                    | Bisoprolol 10mg          | Zebeta                  | One                                   | \$86                              |   |
| <b>CR BEST BUY</b> | <b>Bisoprolol 10mg</b>   | Generic                 | One                                   | \$40                              | Mild to Moderate Heart Failure            |
| <b>CR BEST BUY</b> | <b>Carvedilol 6.25mg</b> | Coreg                   | Two                                   | \$139                             | Severe Heart Failure                      |
| <b>CR BEST BUY</b> | <b>Carvedilol 12.5mg</b> | Coreg                   | Two                                   | \$139                             | Severe Heart Failure                      |
| <b>CR BEST BUY</b> | <b>Carvedilol 25mg</b>   | Coreg                   | Two                                   | \$138                             | Severe Heart Failure                      |
|                    | Labetalol 100mg          | Normodyne               | Two                                   | \$52                              |   |
|                    | Labetalol 100mg          | Trandate                | Two                                   | \$48                              |   |
|                    | Labetalol 100mg          | Generic                 | Two                                   | \$26                              |   |
|                    | Labetalol 200mg          | Normodyne               | Two                                   | \$59                              |   |
|                    | Labetalol 100mg          | Trandate                | Two                                   | \$64                              |   |

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| Labetalol 200mg   | Generic                 | Two                                   | \$34                              |   |
| Labetalol 300mg   | Normodyne               | Two                                   | \$87                              |   |
| Labetalol 300mg   | Generic                 | Two                                   | \$45                              |   |
| Metoprolol tartrate 50mg  | Lopressor               | One                                   | \$41                              |   |
|  <b>Metoprolol tartrate 25mg or 50mg</b>                      | Generic                 | One <sup>4</sup>                      | \$9                               | High Blood Pressure, Angina, Heart Attack |
| Metoprolol tartrate 100mg   | Lopressor               | One                                   | \$60                              |   |
|  <b>Metoprolol tartrate 100mg</b>                             | Generic                 | One <sup>4</sup>                      | \$12                              | High Blood Pressure, Angina, Heart Attack |
|  <b>Metoprolol succinate (sustained release) 25mg or 50mg</b> | Toprol XL               | One                                   | \$36                              | Mild to Moderate Heart Failure            |
|  <b>Metoprolol succinate (sustained release) 100mg</b>       | Toprol XL               | One                                   | \$49                              | Mild to Moderate Heart Failure            |
|  <b>Metoprolol succinate (sustained release) 200mg</b>      | Toprol XL               | One                                   | \$79                              | Mild to Moderate Heart Failure            |
| Nadolol 20mg  | Corgard                 | One                                   | \$67                              |   |
|  <b>Nadolol 20mg</b>  | Generic                 | One                                   | \$18                              | High Blood Pressure, Angina               |
| Nadolol 40mg  | Corgard                 | One                                   | \$76                              |   |
|  <b>Nadolol 40mg</b>  | Generic                 | One                                   | \$21                              | High Blood Pressure, Angina               |
| Nadolol 80mg  | Corgard                 | One                                   | \$105                             |   |
|  <b>Nadolol 80mg</b>  | Generic                 | One                                   | \$27                              | High Blood Pressure, Angina               |
| Penbutolol 20mg   | Levatol                 | One                                   | \$70                              |   |
| Pindolol 5mg  | Generic                 | Two                                   | \$32                              |   |
| Pindolol 10mg   | Generic                 | Two                                   | \$45                              |   |
| Propranolol 10mg  | Inderal                 | Two                                   | \$37                              |   |
|  <b>Propranolol 10mg</b>                                    | Generic                 | Two                                   | \$13                              | High Blood Pressure, Angina, Heart Attack |
| Propranolol 20mg  | Inderal                 | Two                                   | \$51                              |   |

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|  | <b>Propranolol 20mg</b>               | Generic                 | Two                                   | \$13                              | High Blood Pressure, Angina, Heart Attack |
|  | Propranolol 40mg                      | Inderal                 | Two                                   | \$62                              |   |
|  | <b>Propranolol 40mg</b>               | Generic                 | Two                                   | \$16                              |   |
|  | Propranolol 60mg                      | Inderal                 | Two                                   | \$88                              |   |
|  | <b>Propranolol 60mg</b>               | Generic                 | Two                                   | \$38                              | High Blood Pressure, Angina, Heart Attack |
|  | Propranolol 80mg                      | Inderal                 | Two                                   | \$93                              |   |
|  | <b>Propranolol 80mg</b>               | Generic                 | Two                                   | \$20                              | High Blood Pressure, Angina, Heart Attack |
|  | Propranolol (sustained release) 80mg  | Inderal-LA              | One                                   | \$58                              |   |
|  | Propranolol (sustained release) 80mg  | Generic                 | One                                   | \$37                              |   |
|  | Propranolol (sustained release) 120mg | Inderal-LA              | One                                   | \$72                              |   |
|  | Propranolol (sustained release) 120mg | Generic                 | One                                   | \$84                              |   |
|  | Timolol 10mg                          | Blocadren               | Two                                   | \$83                              |   |
|  | Timolol 10mg                          | Generic                 | Two                                   | \$30                              |   |
|  | Timolol 20mg                          | Generic                 | Two                                   | \$55                              |   |

1. "Generic" indicates that this drug is sold by its generic name. For example, in this table, for the first drug listed, acebutolol is the generic or chemical name and Sectral is the brand name. Both are available and they have the very same active ingredient. In column 2, when the word "generic" appears, the price given is for the generic version.
2. As typically prescribed.
3. Prices reflect nationwide retail averages for September 2006, rounded to the nearest dollar; information derived by *Consumer Reports Best Buy Drugs* from data provided by Wolters Kluwer Health, Pharmaceutical Audit Suite.