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	Generic Name And Dose	Brand Name ^{1,2}	Drug is a Generic or Branded Generic (BG) ³	Frequency of Use per Day ⁴	Average Monthly Cost ⁵	Best Buy Indication
	Amlodipine 2.5mg tablet	Norvasc	No	One	\$61	
	Amlodipine 5mg tablet	Norvasc	No	One	\$58	
	Amlodipine 10mg tablet	Norvasc	No	One	\$78	
	Diltiazem 30mg tablet	Cardizem	No	Four	\$84	
	Diltiazem 30mg tablet	Generic	Yes	Four	\$36	
	Diltiazem 60mg SR capsule	Cardizem SR	No	Two	\$80	
	Diltiazem 60mg SR capsule	Generic	Yes	Two	\$49	
	Diltiazem 60mg tablet	Cardizem	No	Four	\$124	
	Diltiazem 60mg tablet	Generic	Yes	Four	\$43	
	Diltiazem 90mg SR capsule	Generic	Yes	Two	\$58	
	Diltiazem 90mg tablet	Cardizem	No	Four	\$159	
	Diltiazem 90mg tablet	Generic	Yes	Four	\$53	
	Diltiazem 120mg CR capsule	Cardizem CD	No	One	\$55	
	Diltiazem 120mg CR capsule	Cartia XT	BG	One	\$37	HBP ⁶ , HRAs ⁷
	Diltiazem 120mg CR capsule	Generic	Yes	One	\$32	HBP, HRAs
	Diltiazem 120mg SR capsule	Cardizem SR	No	Two	\$126	
	Diltiazem 120mg SR capsule	Dilacor XR	BG	One	\$62	
	Diltiazem 120mg SR capsule	Diltia XT	BG	One	\$27	HBP, HRAs
	Diltiazem 120mg SR capsule	Dilt-XR	BG	One	\$26	HBP, HRAs
	Diltiazem 120mg SR capsule	Generic	Yes	One	\$30	HBP, HRAs
	Diltiazem 120mg SR capsule	Taztia XT	BG	One	\$36	HBP, HRAs
	Diltiazem 120mg SR capsule	Tiazac	BG	One	\$45	
	Diltiazem 120mg SR tablet	Cardizem LA	BG	One	\$80	
	Diltiazem 120mg tablet	Cardizem	No	Four	\$262	
	Diltiazem 120mg tablet	Generic	Yes	Four	\$78	
	Diltiazem 180mg CR capsule	Cardizem CD	No	One	\$67	
	Diltiazem 180mg CR capsule	Cartia XT	BG	One	\$43	
	Diltiazem 180mg CR capsule	Generic	Yes	One	\$37	HBP, HRAs
	Diltiazem 180mg SR capsule	Dilacor XR	No	One	\$74	
	Diltiazem 180mg SR capsule	Diltia XT	BG	One	\$29	HBP, HRAs
	Diltiazem 180mg SR capsule	Dilt-XR	BG	One	\$29	HBP, HRAs
	Diltiazem 180mg SR capsule	Generic	Yes	One	\$31	HBP, HRAs
	Diltiazem 180mg SR capsule	Taztia XT	BG	One	\$43	
	Diltiazem 180mg SR capsule	Tiazac	BG	One	\$52	

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	Diltiazem 180mg SR tablet	Cardizem LA	No	One	\$79	
	Diltiazem 240mg CR capsule	Cardizem CD	No	One	\$86	
	Diltiazem 240mg CR capsule	Cartia XT	No	One	\$58	
	Diltiazem 240mg CR capsule	Generic	Yes	One	\$50	
	Diltiazem 240mg SR capsule	Dilacor XR	No	One	\$83	
CR BEST BUY	Diltiazem 240mg SR capsule	Diltia XT	BG	One	\$32	HBP, HRAs
CR BEST BUY	Diltiazem 240mg SR capsule	Dilt-XR	BG	One	\$30	HBP, HRAs
CR BEST BUY	Diltiazem 240mg SR capsule	Generic	Yes	One	\$35	HBP, HRAs
	Diltiazem 240mg SR capsule	Taztia XT	BG	One	\$60	
	Diltiazem 240mg SR capsule	Tiazac	BG	One	\$74	
	Diltiazem 240mg SR tablet	Cardizem LA	No	One	\$89	
	Diltiazem 300mg CR capsule	Cardizem CD	No	One	\$114	
	Diltiazem 300mg CR capsule	Cartia XT	BG	One	\$76	
CR BEST BUY	Diltiazem 300mg CR capsule	Generic	Yes	One	\$66	HBP, HRAs
CR BEST BUY	Diltiazem 300mg SR capsule	Generic	Yes	One	\$66	HBP, HRAs
	Diltiazem 300mgSR capsule	Taztia XT	BG	One	\$73	
	Diltiazem 300mg SR capsule	Tiazac	BG	One	\$96	
	Diltiazem 300mg SR tablet	Cardizem LA	No	One	\$131	
	Diltiazem 360mg CR capsule	Cardizem CD	No	One	\$135	
CR BEST BUY	Diltiazem 360mg SR capsule	Generic	Yes	One	\$68	HBP, HRAs
	Diltiazem 360mg SR capsule	Taztia XT	BG	One	\$75	
	Diltiazem 360mg SR capsule	Tiazac	BG	One	\$96	
	Diltiazem 360mg SR tablet	Cardizem LA	No	One	\$123	
CR BEST BUY	Felodipine 2.5mg SR tablet	Generic	Yes	One	\$40	HBP
	Felodipine 2.5mg SR tablet	Plendil	No	One	\$51	
CR BEST BUY	Felodipine 5mg SR tablet	Generic	Yes	One	\$39	HBP
	Felodipine 5mg SR tablet	Plendil	No	One	\$51	
CR BEST BUY	Felodipine 10mg SR tablet	Generic	Yes	One	\$66	HBP
	Felodipine 10mg SR tablet	Plendil	No	One	\$87	
	Isradipine 2.5mg capsule	Dynacirc	No	Two	\$98	
	Isradipine 2.5mg capsule	Generic	Yes	Two	\$89	
	Isradipine 5mg capsule	Dynacirc	No	Two	\$151	
	Isradipine 5mg capsule	Generic	Yes	Two	\$126	
	Isradipine 5mg SR tablet	Dynacirc CR	No	One	\$75	

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Isradipine 10mg SR tablet	Dynacirc CR	No	One	\$120	
Nicardipine 20mg capsule	Cardene	No	Three	\$93	
Nicardipine 20mg capsule	Generic	Yes	Three	\$37	
Nicardipine 30mg capsule	Cardene	No	Three	\$146	
Nicardipine 30mg capsule	Generic	Yes	Three	\$49	
Nicardipine 30mg SR capsule	Cardene SR	No	Two	\$86	
Nicardipine 45mgSR capsule	Cardene SR	No	Two	\$128	
Nicardipine 60mgSR capsule	Cardene SR	No	Two	\$159	
Nifedipine 10mg capsule	Generic	Yes	Three	\$44	
Nifedipine 10mg capsule	Procardia	No	Three	\$91	
Nifedipine 20mg capsule	Generic	Yes	Three	\$92	
Nifedipine 30mg SR tablet	Adalat CC	BG	One	\$53	
CR BEST BUY Nifedipine 30mg SR tablet	Afeditab CR	BG	One	\$34	HBP, Angina ⁸
Nifedipine 30mg SR tablet	Generic	Yes	One	\$37	
CR BEST BUY Nifedipine 30mg SR tablet	Nifediac CC	BG	One	\$35	HBP, Angina
Nifedipine 30mg SR tablet	Nifedical XL	BG	One	\$42	
Nifedipine 30mg SR tablet	Procardia XL	No	One	\$60	
Nifedipine 60mg SR tablet	Adalat CC	BG	One	\$88	
CR BEST BUY Nifedipine 60mg SR tablet	Afeditab CR	BG	One	\$59	HBP, Angina
CR BEST BUY Nifedipine 60mg SR tablet	Generic	Yes	One	\$54	HBP, Angina
CR BEST BUY Nifedipine 60mg SR tablet	Nifediac CC	BG	One	\$64	HBP, Angina
Nifedipine 60mg SR tablet	Nifedical XL	BG	One	\$71	
Nifedipine 60mg SR tablet	Procardia XL	No	One	\$102	
Nifedipine 90mg SR tablet	Adalat CC	BG	One	\$102	
CR BEST BUY Nifedipine 90mg SR tablet	Generic	Yes	One	\$80	HBP, Angina
CR BEST BUY Nifedipine 90mg SR tablet	Nifediac CC	BG	One	\$78	HBP, Angina
Nifedipine 90mg SR tablet	Procardia XL	No	One	\$124	
Nisoldipine 10mg SR tablet	Sular	No	One	\$64	
Nisoldipine 20mg SR tablet	Sular	No	One	\$78	
Nisoldipine 30mg SR tablet	Sular	No	One	\$92	
Nisoldipine 40mg SR tablet	Sular	No	One	\$85	
Verapamil 40mg tablet	Calan	No	Three	\$70	
Verapamil 40mg tablet	Generic	Yes	Three	\$29	

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	Verapamil 80mg tablet	Calan	No	Three	\$93	
	Verapamil 80mg tablet	Generic	Yes	Three	\$24	
	Verapamil 100mg SR capsule	Verelan PM	No	One	\$61	
CR BEST BUY	Verapamil 120mg SR capsule	Generic	Yes	One	\$35	HBP, HRAs
	Verapamil 120mg SR capsule	Verelan	No	One	\$77	
	Verapamil 120mg SR tablet	Calan SR	No	One	\$61	
CR BEST BUY	Verapamil 120mg SR tablet	Generic	Yes	One	\$26	HBP, HRAs
	Verapamil 120mg SR tablet	Isoptin SR	BG	One	\$61	
	Verapamil 120mg tablet	Calan	No	Three	\$143	
	Verapamil 120mg tablet	Generic	Yes	Three	\$31	
CR BEST BUY	Verapamil 180mg SR capsule	Generic	Yes	One	\$35	HBP, HRAs
	Verapamil 180mg SR capsule	Verelan	BG	One	\$90	
	Verapamil 180mg SR tablet	Calan SR	No	One	\$72	
	Verapamil 180mg SR tablet	Covera HS	No	One	\$61	
CR BEST BUY	Verapamil 180mg SR tablet	Generic	Yes	One	\$22	HBP, HRAs
	Verapamil 200mg SR capsule	Verelan PM	BG	One	\$77	
CR BEST BUY	Verapamil 240mg SR capsule	Generic	Yes	One	\$38	HBP, HRAs
	Verapamil 240mg SR capsule	Verelan	BG	One	\$100	
	Verapamil 240mg SR tablet	Calan SR	No	One	\$81	
	Verapamil 240mg SR tablet	Covera HS	No	One	\$84	
CR BEST BUY	Verapamil 240mg SR tablet	Generic	Yes	One	\$23	HBP, HRAs
	Verapamil 240mg SR tablet	Isoptin SR	BG	One	\$81	
	Verapamil 300mg SR capsule	Verelan PM	BG	One	\$110	
CR BEST BUY	Verapamil 360mg SR capsule	Generic	Yes	One	\$65	HBP, HRAs
	Verapamil 360mg SR capsule	Verelan	BG	One	\$142	

(1) In the 1st and 2nd columns, SR = Sustained Release; CR = Continuous Release; LA = Long-Acting; CD = Continuous Delivery.

(2) "Generic" indicates that this drug is sold as a generic under the generic name.

(3) "Yes" means it is a generic, sold under the chemical name. "BG" means it is a branded generic, which is a generic copy of an original drug but one given a special name by its generic manufacturer. "No" means it is a brand-name drug not yet available as a generic or a branded generic.

(4) Frequency of use reflects usual or typical frequency.

(5) Prices reflect nationwide retail average 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.

(6) "HBP" stands for high blood pressure

(7) "HRAs" stands for heart rhythm or heart rate abnormalities.

(8) Angina is chest pain caused by coronary heart disease.