

Cost Comparison – Newer Insomnia Drugs and Selected Older Ones

Updated November 2006 (Costs for September 2006)

Generic Name	Brand Name	Is a Generic Drug?	Average Cost for 7 Doses ¹	Average Cost for 15 Doses ¹
Newer Sedatives				
 Zolpidem tablet 10mg tablet	Ambien	Yes ²	\$31	\$67
 Zolpidem tablet 5mg tablet	Ambien	Yes ²	\$32	\$68
Zolpidem 6.25mg sustained release	Ambien CR	No	\$29	\$62
Zolpidem 12.5mg sustained release	Ambien CR	No	\$29	\$61
Eszopiclone 1mg tablet	Lunesta	No	\$32	\$70
Eszopiclone 2mg tablet	Lunesta	No	\$32	\$69
Eszopiclone 3mg tablet	Lunesta	No	\$32	\$69
Ramelteon 8mg tablet	Rozerem	No	\$26	\$56
Zaleplon 5mg capsule	Sonata	No	\$29	\$61
Zaleplon 10mg capsule	Sonata	No	\$31	\$65
Selected Antidepressant				
Trazodone 50mg	Desyrel	No	\$18	\$39
Trazodone 100mg	Desyrel	No	\$29	\$62
Trazodone 150mg	Desyrel	No	\$28	\$60
Trazodone 50mg	Generic	Yes	\$3	\$6
Trazodone 100mg	Generic	Yes	\$3	\$7
Trazodone 150mg	Generic	Yes	\$5	\$12
Selected Benzodiazepines³				
Estazolam 1mg tablet	ProSom	No	\$13	\$27
Estazolam 2mg tablet	ProSom	No	\$14	\$30
Estazolam 1mg tablet	Generic	Yes	\$6	\$13
Estazolam 2mg tablet	Generic	Yes	\$7	\$15
Flurazepam 15mg capsule	Dalmane	No	\$15	\$32
Flurazepam 30mg capsule	Dalmane	No	\$15	\$33
Flurazepam 15mg capsule	Generic	Yes	\$3	\$6

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Flurazepam 30mg capsule	Generic	Yes	\$3	\$7
Lorazepam 0.5 mg tablet	Ativan	No	\$9	\$20
Lorazepam 1mg tablet	Ativan	No	\$12	\$26
Lorazepam 2mg tablet	Ativan	No	\$18	\$39
Lorazepam 0.5mg tablet	Generic	Yes	\$3	\$7
Lorazepam 1mg tablet	Generic	Yes	\$4	\$8
Lorazepam 2mg tablet	Generic	Yes	\$5	\$10
Quazepam 7.5mg tablet	Doral	No	\$23	\$50
Quazepam 15mg tablet	Doral	No	\$32	\$69
Temazepam 7.5mg capsule	Restoril	No	\$29	\$62
Temazepam 15mg capsule	Restoril	No	\$38	\$82
Temazepam 30mg capsule	Restoril	No	\$42	\$90
Temazepam 7.5mg capsule	Generic	Yes	\$9	\$19
Temazepam 15mg capsule	Generic	Yes	\$3	\$7
Temazepam 30mg capsule	Generic	Yes	\$4	\$8
Triazolam 0.125mg tablet	Halcion	No	\$12	\$25
Triazolam 0.25mg tablet	Halcion	No	\$13	\$28
Triazolam 0.125mg tablet	Generic	Yes	\$5	\$10
Triazolam 0.25mg tablet	Generic	Yes	\$5	\$11

1. Recommended use is one pill at bedtime. The prices given are based on per pill costs. Prices reflect nationwide retail average for September 2006, rounded to the nearest dollar. Prices are derived by *Consumer Reports Best Buy Drugs* from data provided by Wolters Kluwer Health, Pharmaceutical Audit Suite.
2. The FDA gave tentative approval to two generic versions of zolpidem in October 2006. These drugs should be on the market in the next few months. If you have a prescription for Ambien, be sure to ask your doctor or pharmacist to switch it to generic zolpidem when it becomes available.
3. Those approved by the FDA for treating insomnia. Other benzodiazepines that act in the same way are also available but their makers have not sought approval for use in the treatment of insomnia. These other benzodiazepines may be prescribed off-label for that purpose by some doctors.