




Pain and Anti-inflammatory Drugs – NSAIDs – Cost Comparison

Updated November 2006 (Prices for September 2006)

Generic Name and Dose	Brand Name(s) ¹	Drug is a Generic	Frequency of Dose (per Day) ²	Average Cost for Month's Supply ³
Celecoxib 100mg	Celebrex	No	Two	\$148
Celecoxib 200mg	Celebrex	No	Two	\$242
Diclofenac 50mg	Voltaren, Cataflam	No	Three	\$213
Diclofenac 50mg	Generic	Yes	Three	\$65
Diclofenac Long-Acting 100mg	Voltaren-XR	No	One	\$176
Diclofenac Long Acting 100mg	Generic	Yes	One	\$71
Diflunisal 500mg	Dolobid	No	Two	\$94
Diflunisal 500mg	Generic	Yes	Two	\$77
Diflunisal 250mg	Dolobid	No	Two	\$70
Diflunisal 250mg	Generic	Yes	Two	\$40
Etodolac 200mg	Lodine	No	Three	\$158
Etodolac 200mg	Generic	Yes	Three	\$97
Etodolac 400mg	Lodine	No	Three	\$182
Etodolac 400mg	Generic	Yes	Three	\$90
Etodolac Sustained Release 600mg	Lodine XL	No	One	\$109 ⁴
Etodolac Sustained Release 600mg	Generic	Yes	One	\$79 ⁴
Fenoprofen 300mg	Nalfon	No	Three	\$80
Fenoprofen 600mg	Generic	Yes	Three	\$43
Flurbiprofen 100mg	Ansaid	No	Three	\$283
Flurbiprofen 100mg	Generic	Yes	Three	\$64
Ibuprofen 400mg	Motrin	No	Three	\$36
 Ibuprofen 400mg	Generic	Yes	Three	\$28
Ibuprofen 200mg	Advil ⁵	OTC ⁶	Six	\$3-\$20 ⁵
Ibuprofen 200mg	Advil ⁵	OTC	Twelve	\$6-\$40 ⁵
Ibuprofen 600mg	Motrin	No	Three	\$48
Ibuprofen 600mg	Ibu	Yes	Three	\$18
 Ibuprofen 600mg	Generic	Yes	Three	\$31
Ibuprofen 800mg	Motrin	No	Three	\$58
 Ibuprofen 800mg	Generic	Yes	Three	\$31
Indomethacin 25mg	Indocin	No	Three	\$63
Indomethacin 25mg	Generic	Yes	Three	\$32
Indomethacin 50mg	Indocin	No	Three	\$105
Indomethacin 50mg	Generic	Yes	Three	\$46
Indomethacin 75mg Sustained Release	Indocin SR	No	Two	\$146
Indomethacin 75mg Sustained Release	Generic	Yes	Two	\$111
Ketoprofen 75mg	Orudis	No	Two	\$91
Ketoprofen 75mg	Generic	Yes	Two	\$50
Ketoprofen 12.5mg	Orudis KT ⁵	OTC	Six	\$5-\$25 ⁵

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Ketoprofen 12.5mg	Orudis KT ⁵	OTC	Twelve	\$10-\$50 ⁵
Meclofenamate 100mg	Generic	Yes	Three	\$295
Meloxicam 7.5mg	Mobic	No	One	\$123
Meloxicam 7.5mg	Generic	Yes	One	\$82
Meloxicam 15mg	Mobic	No	One	\$184
Meloxicam 15mg	Generic	Yes	One	\$123
Nabumetone 500mg	Relafin	No	Two	\$146
Nabumetone 500mg	Generic	Yes	Two	\$71
Nabumetone 750mg	Relafin	No	Two	\$186
Nabumetone 750mg	Generic	Yes	Two	\$85
Naproxen 375mg	Naprosyn	No	Three	\$154
CR BEST BUY Naproxen 375mg	Generic	Yes	Three	\$44
Naproxen 500mg	Naprosyn	No	Three	\$189
CR BEST BUY Naproxen 500mg	Generic	Yes	Three	\$51
Naproxen 220mg	Aleve ⁵	OTC	Six	\$9-\$30 ⁵
Naproxen 220mg	Aleve ⁵	OTC	Twelve	\$18-\$60 ⁵
Oxaprozin 600mg	Daypro	No	One	\$88
Oxaprozin 600mg	Generic	Yes	One	\$30
Oxaprozin 600mg	Daypro	No	Three	\$264
Oxaprozin 600mg	Generic	Yes	Three	\$91
Piroxicam 20mg	Feldene	No	One	\$120
Piroxicam 20mg	Generic	Yes	One	\$32
Salsalate 750mg	Disalcid	No	Three	\$74 ⁴
CR BEST BUY Salsalate 750mg	Generic	Yes	Three	\$30
CR BEST BUY Salsalate 750mg	Generic	Yes	Four	\$40
Sulindac 150mg	Clinoril	No	Two	\$72
Sulindac 150mg	Generic	Yes	Two	\$38
Sulindac 200mg	Clinoril	No	Two	\$103
Sulindac 200mg	Generic	Yes	Two	\$41
Tolmetin 200mg	Generic	Yes	Three	\$79
Tolmetin 400mg	Tolectin DS	No	Three	\$148 ⁴
Tolmetin 400mg	Generic	Yes	Three	\$119

1. "Generic" means this is a generic drug, as underscored in column three.

2. As commonly recommended or prescribed. Many NSAIDs must be taken multiple times per day. Convenience of dosing may be a factor for some patients. If switching from one NSAID to another, talk with your doctor about equivalency of dosing between the different NSAIDs. They come in a wide variety of recommended doses

3. Monthly cost reflects national average retail prices 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.

4. Unable to obtain an updated price, Sept. 2006. This is price as of April 2006.

5. This is a nonprescription medicine. These drugs are available as brands such as Advil and Aleve, but also as generics or store-branded versions. The prices vary widely. The ranges we present here are based on a sampling of prices from two well-known online pharmacies and several pharmacy chain stores in the Washington DC area and Maryland, for various sized bottles (24 pills, 50 pills, 200 pills, and up to 700 pills. Prices may vary in your area. Be aware that generic and store brand versions are often 30% to 60% less expensive. You can also save substantial amounts of money – 250% or more – by buying larger bottles containing 200 pills or more compared to small bottles.

6. OTC stands for over-the-counter, meaning it is a nonprescription drug.