

## Heartburn/Acid Reflux Drugs (The PPIs) – Cost Comparison

Updated November 2006 (Costs for September 2006)

Generic Name and Dose Per Day	Brand Name <sup>1</sup>	Available as a Generic?	Average Monthly Cost <sup>2</sup>
Esomeprazole 20mg	Nexium	No	\$193
Esomeprazole 40mg	Nexium	No	\$181
Lansoprazole 15mg Delayed release lingual tablets	Prevacid	No	\$145
Lansoprazole 30mg Delayed release lingual tablets	Prevacid	No	\$131
Lansoprazole 15mg enteric coated capsules	Prevacid	No	\$184
Lansoprazole 30mg enteric coated capsules	Prevacid	No	\$186
<b>Omeprazole 20mg</b>	Prilosec OTC <sup>3</sup>	Yes	\$19-\$26
Omeprazole 10mg Sustained release capsules	Prilosec	No	\$125
Omeprazole 20mg Sustained release capsules	Prilosec	No	\$153
Omeprazole 40mg Sustained release capsules	Prilosec	No	\$265
Omeprazole 10mg Sustained release capsules	Generic	Yes	\$116
Omeprazole 20mg Sustained release capsules	Generic	Yes	\$89
Omeprazole/sodium bicarbonate 20mg/1100mg capsules	Zegerid	No	\$138
Omeprazole/Sodium bicarbonate 40mg/1100mg capsules	Zegerid	No	\$146
Pantoprazole 20mg	Protonix	No	\$159
Pantoprazole 40mg	Protonix	No	\$146
Rabeprazole 20mg	Aciphex	No	\$189



1. "Generic" indicates drug sold by generic name, omeprazole
2. Monthly cost reflects nationwide retail average prices for September 2006 (except where noted), rounded to nearest dollar. Information derived by *Consumer Reports Best Buy Drugs* from data provided by Wolters Kluwer Health, Pharmaceutical Audit Suite.
3. This is a nonprescription (over-the-counter) version of omeprazole available at any drug store. The shelf price of this medicine may vary widely. It may be least expensive at large discount and "big box" stores. The cost for a month's supply given in this table (\$19-\$26) is based on a spot check of online pharmacies on Oct. 30, 2006.