A US Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved generic drug is the same as a brand-name drug in terms of active ingredient, dosage, strength, safety, quality, the way it works and the time for it to work.

89% of prescriptions in the United States are for generic drugs.

On average, generic drugs cost 80 to 85% less than their brand-name products.

About one-half of generic drugs on the market are made by brand-name companies.

Generic drugs are cheaper because the companies do not have to perform phases of clinical trials and there’s more competition from other generic companies.

The lower price of generics does not mean they are lower quality, since companies making generic drugs must pass them through the same quality standards for manufacturing, testing, and packaging as brand-name products.

Remember: Generic drugs are the same as brand-name drugs in:
- Safety and quality
- Dosage
- The way they work
- The way they should be taken
- The way you use them

Learn more about generic drugs by visiting chestfoundation.org/generics

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