

Drugs of Choice (DOC) List

More details and updated versions may be downloaded at www.ncdoclist.com

**includes combination product of same generic drug*

ANALGESICS

Short Acting Narcotics

hydrocodone/APAP

codeine/APAP

oxycodone IR*

morphine sulfate IR

NSAIDS

diclofenac

ibuprofen

meloxicam

naproxen

Other Analgesic

tramadol

ORAL ANTI-INFECTIVES

Antifungals

fluconazole

nystatin

terbinafine

Cephalosporins and Related

amoxicillin/clavulanate

cephalexin

cefdinir

Macrolides

Azithromycin

Quinolones

ciprofloxacin

levofloxacin

Tetracyclines

doxycycline hyclate

minocycline IR

tetracycline

Other

clindamycin

SMX/TMP

metronidazole

Antivirals

acyclovir

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

ADHD

amphetamine salt combo

dextroamphetamine

dexmethylphenidate

methylphenidate

Antipsychotics

haloperidol

clozapine

risperidone

Quetiapine

Antidepressants

amitriptyline

bupropion

mirtazapine

trazodone

citalopram

fluoxetine

sertraline

paroxetine/paroxetine CR

venlafaxine/venlafaxine ER

Anxiolytics

alprazolam

clonazepam

lorazepam

CARDIOVASCULAR

ACE Inhibitors

benazepril*

enalapril*

lisinopril*

Beta Blockers

atenolol*

carvedilol*

metoprolol tartrate*

Calcium Channel Blockers

amlodipine*

nifedipine/nifedipine ER

diltiazem/diltiazem ER

verapamil/verapamil ER*

Diuretics

hydrochlorothiazide

furosemide

spironolactone

Coronary Vasodilators

isosorbide dinitrate

isosorbide mononitrate

nitroglycerin SL tabs

Antiarrhythmics

amiodarone

digoxin

Antiplatelet

clopidogrel

dipyridamole

ticlopidine

Fibrates

gemfibrozil

Statins

lovastatin

pravastatin

simvastatin

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

Anticonvulsants

carbamazepine

oxcarbazepine

divalproex

phenytoin

gabapentin

lamotrigine

levetiracetam

topiramate

Antiparkinson/Restless Leg

benztropine

carbidopa/levodopa

pramipexole

ropinirole

Sedative Hypnotics

temazepam

zolpidem

Skeletal Muscle Relaxants

baclofen

cyclobenzaprine

tizanidine

Smoking Cessation

bupropion SR

nicotine patch

Migraine

sumatriptan

ENDOCRINE

Thyroid Replacement

levothyroxine sodium

Levoxyl

liothyronine

Hormone Replacement

estradiol

estradiol patch

estradiol/norethindrone

Oral Contraceptives

monophasic: Sprintec

biphasic: Kariva

<i>triphasic</i> : Tri-Sprintec	ranitidine	Glaucoma	Antifungals
<i>high-dose</i> : Ogestrel	Proton Pump Inhibitors	brimonidine	clotrimazole
<i>extended cycle</i> : Jolessa	omeprazole	timolol*	ketokonazole
<i>noncyclic</i> : Amethyst	pantoprazole	dorzolamide*	nystatin
<i>progestin only</i> : Camila	GENITOURINARY	Prostaglandin Agonists	Anti-Infectives (Acne)
Oral Hypoglycemics	BPH	latanoprost	benzoyl peroxide
glimepiride	doxazosin	OTICS	clindamycin phosphate
glipizide/glipizide XL	terazosin	Antibiotics	erythromycin
glyburide	finasteride	neomycin/polymyxin B/TMP	Anti-Infectives (Non-Acne)
acarbose	Urinary Antispasmodic	RESPIRATORY	mupirocin
metformin	oxybutynin	Beta Agonist Nebs	Anti-Inflammatory
nateglinide	HEMATOLOGIC	albuterol sulfate	<i>Low potency</i> : hydrocortisone
Oral Glucocorticoids	Anticoagulants	COPD	<i>Med potency</i> : mometasone
methylprednisolone	warfarin	ipratropium bromide	<i>High potency</i> : triamcinolone
prednisone	OPHTHALMICS	Non-Sedating Antihistamines	<i>Very High potency</i> : clobetasol
GASTROINTESTINAL	Anti-Infectives	cetirizine	MISCELLANEOUS
Antiemetics	ciprofloxacin	loratadine	Gout
meclizine	erythromycin	Intranasal Rhinitis	allopurinol
metoclopramide	polymyxin B/TMP	fluticasone	Osteoporosis
promethazine	tobramycin	flunisolide	alendronate
H-2 Receptor Antagonists	Anti-Inflammatory	TOPICALS	
famotidine	prednisolone		

Round 1: Determine *classes of medications* with any *individual drugs* in the top 100 by volume lists (Drug Topics, Pharmacy Times).

Round 2: Consider drugs within the class for further review if all of:

1. Preferred by NC Medicaid/Health Choice without a prior authorization (PA) or clinical criteria
2. Categorized as Tier 1 by Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) NC
3. Categorized as Tier 1 by NC State Health Plan

Round 3: Using individual drugs remaining within a class after Round 2, perform a NC Medicaid market share analysis.*

Round 4: Conduct a cost evaluation on all remaining Round 3 agents using agents within each respective class as the main cost comparators.**

*Market shares based on fill volume and cumulative percentage with NC Medicaid. Drugs that comprise 90% cumulative market share, not to exceed the top 4 drugs within the class, continued to Round 4 for cost analysis.

**The cost of the medication for an uninsured patient was collected from three pharmacies for each unique drug, strength and form, with each pharmacy-drug combination being selected at random. Final determination of DOC list inclusion was based on cost relative to drugs within same class, but not to exceed a cost threshold set for all classes.

