



The ODG Drug Formulary

The ODG Drug Formulary is derived from the evidence-based recommendations in the treatment topics and there are hyperlinks from the formulary entries to the supporting sections within each of the appropriate treatment summaries. The ODG Drug Formulary applies ONLY to the drug categories listed in the table. If the physician feels it is medically necessary to prescribe a non-preferred drug, prior authorization is recommended.

The current ODG Drug Formulary Table includes over 350 prescription medications commonly prescribed for workers' compensation injuries with reasonable options for short-acting opioids and musculoskeletal injuries and medications on the Y (Preferred) list.

The scope of the ODG Drug Formulary: The ODG Drug Formulary includes U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) approved drugs listed by generic and/or brand name, delivered in the exact way the FDA has identified in their approval (i.e. oral, topical, rectal, intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous, intrathecal, and/or epidural). As a class of drugs, compound medications are denoted as N drugs. Compounding a drug classified as "Y" in the ODG Formulary for delivery by a method other than that FDA-approved medication results in a "N" classification. FDA approved drugs are listed in the current edition of the FDA Orange Book: Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations, located here on the FDA Website: www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/ob/default.cfm.

Compound Medications:

"Drug compounding is often regarded as the process of combining, mixing, or altering ingredients to create a medication tailored to the needs of an individual patient. Compounding includes the combining of two or more drugs". More information on the compounding drugs can be found on the FDA Website:

<https://www.fda.gov/drugs/guidancecomplianceregulatoryinformation/pharmacycompounding/ucm339764.htm>. While compound medications are not FDA approved, they are permitted under state pharmacy regulations. Because each compounding pharmacy may create their own product, both ODG and FDA cannot be a source of information on any such product's safety and effectiveness, manufacturing consistency, or generic equivalency. Therefore, all compounds are classified as "N" Status and preauthorization to substantiate medical necessity is recommended. For more information, see the [Compound drugs](#) entry in the Pain Chapter.

The ODG Drug Formulary does not include other FDA-approved products, such as medical devices, or medical foods and drugs approved in other countries but not the U.S.

General Guidelines: Generic medications would be appropriate as a cost-effective alternative to brand names if Generic Equivalency is indicated on the ODG Formulary, except when there is documentation of the need for the brand name drug or no alternative. Prescribers should consider the patient pill burden when prescribing medication strengths, for example, instead of Cymbalta 30 mg twice a day, Cymbalta 60 mg once daily may be just as effective. If



medications are not documented as effective, consideration should be given to discontinuing the medication. Interactions between pain medications should be considered. Prescribers should consider the need for medication monitoring with some medications, including periodic lab work as necessary.

Following is a description of the table columns:

Drug Class: The therapeutic class. The formulary only applies to those classes listed, which are the ones commonly used for workers' comp injuries. At this time the formulary does not provide direction regarding other classes of commonly used drugs, such as cardiology drugs, cancer drugs, etc. These classes of drugs are not commonly prescribed for workers' compensation cases, so, unless emergency use is required, prior authorization is also recommended. The formulary also does not cover drugs used in the course of surgery, such as anesthesia drugs.

Generic Name: The FDA approved name for the chemical entity.

Brand Name: Common or Innovator brand names. (These are not all-inclusive.) Note: The brand name is provided for illustration, but if the indicator below shows that FDA-approved generic equivalents are available, then generic substitution would be recommended depending on availability and cost.

GE: Generic Equivalency. If this column is Yes, then the prescription should allow generic substitution. If it also says OTC, then the drug should be obtained Over-The-Counter.

Status: This is the most important column, and it contains a Y if the drug is a preferred drug (a first-line drug), and is contained on the formulary. It contains an N if the drug is not on the approved formulary because it is not recommended as a first-line treatment in ODG. For drugs with an N, pre-authorization is recommended if the use of these drugs would be appropriate and medically necessary.

Cost and Source: Physicians' GenRx is a comprehensive database of the most current, unbiased, accurate, and reliable drug information available. It contains full prescribing information for thousands of U.S.-approved pharmaceuticals indexed by generic name, trade name, international brand name, indication and drug class. This database was provided under license to Mosby since 1996.

<http://www.mosbysdrugconsult.com/>

The relative Cost of Therapy, for a typical dosage and course of therapy, is based on the Indication, Form, Brand name or generic, Number of doses, and Days of therapy shown above. The costs for brand-name only drugs are generally published AWP (Average Wholesale Price), which is a published price, and not really an average. Actual prices should be less than this. For drugs with generic equivalents, costs are the Federal Upper Limit (FUL). Where there are multiple options, the cost highlighted in yellow is used in the Formulary Cost column. ODG also uses readily available online drug pricing tools.



See below cost of therapy calculations for detailed assumptions of each drug.

Cost of Therapy Calculations

Generic Name	Brand Name				
Cost	Indication	Form	Brand name	Number of doses	Days of therapy
Acetaminophen	Tylenol®				
\$1.92	Osteoarthritis	500 mg	Generic Tablets	3 tablets/day	30 day supply
Amitriptyline	Elavil®				
\$2.72	Depression	50 mg	Generic Tablets	1 tablet/day	30 day supply
\$29.45	Depression	50 mg	Elavil	1 tablet/day	30 day supply
Aspirin	Bayer®				
\$1.92	Osteoarthritis	800 mg	Generic Tablets	3 tablets/day	30 day supply
Baclofen	Lioresal®				
\$20.00	Muscle Pain	10 mg	Generic Tabs	3 tablets/day	10 day supply
Boswellia Serrata Resin	Frankincense				
Botulinum toxin	Botox®				
Botulinum toxin	Myobloc®				
Buprenorphine	Subutex				
\$48.00	Pain	8 mg	Subutex	2 tablets/day	5 day supply
Bupropion	Wellbutrin®				
\$86.45	Depression	100 mg	Generic Tabs	3 tablets/day	30 day supply
\$103.33	Depression	150 mg	Generic SR	2 tablets/day	30 day supply
\$110.65	Depression	300 mg	Wellbutrin XL	1 tablet/day	30 day supply
\$120.69	Depression	150 mg	Wellbutrin SR	2 tablets/day	30 day supply
\$130.04	Depression	100 mg	Wellbutrin	3 tablets/day	30 day supply
\$120.69	Smoking	150 mg	Zyban SR	2 tablets/day	30 day supply
Butalbital	Fioricet®				
\$9.75	Pain	325/50/40 mg	Generic Tabs	6 tablets/day	5 day supply
\$24.57	Pain	325/50/40 mg	Fioricet	6 tablets/day	5 day supply
Capsaicin, topical	Chili pepper				
Carbamazepine	Tegretol®				
\$3.36	Epilepsy	200 mg	Generic Tabs	4 tablets/day	10 day supply
\$5.09	Epilepsy	200 mg	Tegretol	4 tablets/day	10 day supply
Carisoprodol	Soma®				
\$2.38	Muscle Pain	350 mg	Generic Tabs	4 tablets/day	10 day supply
\$155.74	Muscle Pain	350 mg	Soma	4 tablets/day	10 day supply
Celecoxib	Celebrex®				
\$93.42	Osteoarthritis	200 mg	Celebrex	1 capsule/day	30 day supply



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Cost	Indication	Form	Brand name	Number of doses	Days of therapy
Chondroitin sulfate	Chondroitin				
Clonidine	Catapres®				
\$1.95	Hypertension	0.1 mg	Generic Tabs	2 tablets/day	30 day supply
\$58.85	Hypertension	0.1 mg	Catapres	2 tablets/day	30 day supply
Cod liver oil	Cod liver oil				
Codeine	Codeine				
\$2.81	Pain	300 mg;30 mg	Generic Tabs	6 tablets/day	5 day supply
\$16.40	Pain	300 mg;30 mg	Tylenol w/Cod	6 tablets/day	5 day supply
Colchicine	Colchicine				
Curcumin	Turmeric				
Cyclobenzaprine	Flexeril®				
\$21.90	Muscle Pain	10 mg	Generic Tabs	3 tablets/day	10 day supply
\$36.04	Muscle Pain	10 mg	Flexeril	3 tablets/day	10 day supply
Diclofenac	Voltaren®				
\$112.19	Actinic Ker	3%;50 g	Solaraze Gel	2 appl/day	60 day supply
\$62.66	Cataract	0.1%;5 ml	Voltaren Oph	4 drops/day	14 day supply
\$15.45	Osteoarthritis	50 mg	Generic Ent	2 tablets/day	30 day supply
\$116.45	Osteoarthritis	50 mg	Voltaren	2 tablets/day	30 day supply
\$73.24	Osteoarthritis	100 mg	Generic ER	1 tablet/day	30 day supply
\$141.50	Osteoarthritis	100 mg	Voltaren-XR	1 tablet/day	30 day supply
\$139.67	Dysmenorr	50 mg	Generic Tabs	3 tablets/day	30 day supply
\$241.39	Dysmenorr	50 mg	Cataflam	3 tablets/day	30 day supply
Dimethylsulfoxide	DMSO				
Duloxetine	Cymbalta®				
\$113.70	Depression	60 mg	Cymbalta	1 capsule/day	30 day supply
Esomeprazole magnesium	Nexium®				
\$210.00	Acid reflux	20 mg	Nexium	1 capsule/day	30 day supply
Etanercept	Enbrel®				
Fentanyl lollipop	Actiq®				
\$1,048.00 \$1,516.13	Cancer Pain	200 mcg	Actiq	4 doses/day	30 day supply
Fentanyl transdermal	Duragesic®				
\$160.38	Chronic Pain	25 mcg/hr	Duragesic	1 patch/3 days	30 day supply
Fluoxetine	Prozac®				
\$357.51	Bulimia Nerv	20 mg	Prozac	3 capsules/day	30 day supply
\$15.00	Depression	20 mg	Generic Cap	1 capsule/day	30 day supply
\$119.17	Depression	20 mg	Prozac	1 capsule/day	30 day supply
\$106.38	PMDD	20 mg	Sarafem	1 capsule/day	28 day supply



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Cost	Indication	Form	Brand name	Number of doses	Days of therapy
Gabapentin	Neurontin®				
\$133.11	Epilepsy	300 mg	Neurontin	3 capsules/day	30 day supply
Glucosamine	Glucosamine				
Green tea	Green tea				
Hydrocodone	Vicodin®				
\$2.48	Pain	500 mg;5 mg	Generic Tablets	6 tablets/day	5 day supply
\$21.79	Pain	500 mg;5 mg	Vicodin	6 tablets/day	5 day supply
\$27.05	Pain	500 mg;5 mg	Lortab 5/500	6 tablets/day	5 day supply
Hydromorphone	Dilaudid®	Exalgo \$1,980			
\$19.67	Pain	2 mg	Generic Tablets	6 tablets/day	5 day supply
Ibuprofen	Advil®				
\$3.56	Osteoarthritis	400 mg	Generic Tablets	3 tablets/day	30 day supply
\$26.28	Osteoarthritis	400 mg	Motrin	3 tablets/day	30 day supply
Infliximab	Remicade®				
Ketamine, topical	Ketamine				
Ketoprofen	Orudis®				
Ketoprofen, topical	Ketoprofen				
Lamotrigine	Lamictal®				
Lansoprazole	Prevacid®				
\$18.42	GERD	15 mg	Prevacid OTC	1 tablet/day	30 day supply
\$143.04	Gastric Ulcer	30 mg	Prevacid	1 tablet/day	30 day supply
\$140.36	GERD	15 mg	Prevacid	1 tablet/day	30 day supply
Levetiracetam	Keppra®				
Lidocaine patch	Lidoderm®				
Marijuana	Marinol®				
Meloxicam	Mobic®				
Metaxalone	Skelaxin®				
\$42.09	Muscle Pain	400 mg	Skelaxin	6 tablets/day	5 day supply
Methadone	Methadone				
\$8.16	Pain	10mg	Generic Tabs	2 tablets/day	5 day supply
Methocarbamol	Robaxin®				
Methylprednisolone	Medrol				
\$4.29	Asthma	4 mg	Generic Tabs	1 tablet/day	30 day supply
\$35.31	Asthma	4 mg	Medrol	1 tablet/day	30 day supply
Milnacipran	Ixel®				
Misoprostol	Cytotec®				
Morphine	Morphine				



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Cost	Indication	Form	Brand name	Number of doses	Days of therapy
\$6.50	Pain	30mg	Generic Tabs	2 tablets/day	5 day supply
Morphin \$62.44	Generic ER	60mg			
Morphine \$307.33	Avinza®				
Morphine \$489.35	Kadian®				
Naproxen	Aleve®				
\$5.16	Osteoarthritis	250 mg	Generic Tabs	2 tablets/day	30 day supply
\$66.32	Osteoarthritis	250 mg	Naprosyn	2 tablets/day	30 day supply
Omeprazole	Prilosec®				
\$12.00	GERD	20 mg	Generic Tabs	1 capsule/day	30 day supply
\$18.90	GERD	20 mg	Prilosec OTC	1 capsule/day	30 day supply
\$178.20	Gastric Ulcer	40 mg	Prilosec	1 capsule/day	30 day supply
\$124.55	GERD	20 mg	Generic Caps	1 capsule/day	30 day supply
\$138.44	GERD	20 mg	Prilosec	1 capsule/day	30 day supply
\$369.99	GERD	10 mg	Generic Caps	2 capsules/day	30 day supply
\$248.03	GERD	10 mg	Prilosec	2 capsules/day	30 day supply
Oxcarbazepine	Trileptal®				
\$335.00	Epilepsy	300 mg	Trileptal	2 tablets/day	10 day supply
Oxycodone	OxyContin®				
\$6.29 \$49.43	Pain	5 mg	Roxicodone	4 tablets/day	5 day supply
\$92.32 \$361.22	Pain	10 mg	Oxycontin ER	2 tablets/day	30 day supply
Oxycodone/acetaminophen	Percocet®				
\$1.58	Pain	325 mg;5 mg	Generic Tabs	4 tablets/day	5 day supply
\$208.11	Pain	325 mg;5 mg	Percocet	4 tablets/day	5 day supply
\$10.29	Pain	325 mg;5 mg	Roxicet	4 tablets/day	5 day supply
Phenytoin	Dilantin®				
\$25.74	Epilepsy	100 mg	Generic Caps	3 capsules/day	30 day supply
\$32.97	Epilepsy	100 mg	Dilantin Kaps	3 capsules/day	30 day supply
Prednisone	Prednisone				
\$0.33	Asthma	5 mg	Generic Tablets	1 tablet/day	30 day supply
\$1.13	Asthma	5 mg	Deltasone	1 tablet/day	30 day supply
Pregabalin	Lyrica®				
\$178.20	Pain	50 mg	Lyrica	3 capsules/day	30 day supply
Propoxyphene/acetamin	Darvocet®				
\$2.22	Pain	650 mg;100 mg	Generic Tablets	4 tablets/day	5 day supply
\$22.12	Pain	650 mg;100 mg	Darvocet-N 100	4 tablets/day	5 day supply



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Cost	Indication	Form	Brand name	Number of doses	Days of therapy
Pycnogenol	Pine bark				
Salicylate topicals	Ben-Gay				
Sertraline	Zoloft®				
\$86.21	Depression	50 mg	Zoloft	1 tablet/day	30 day supply
Tapentadol	Nucynta™	\$189.06			
Tetrahydrocannabinol	THC				
Tiagabine	Gabitril®				
Tizanidine	Zanaflex®				
\$395.55	Muscle Spas	4 mg	Generic Tabs	6 tablets/day	30 day supply
\$439.56	Muscle Spas	4 mg	Zanaflex	6 tablets/day	30 day supply
Topiramate	Topamax®				
\$290.89	Epilepsy	200 mg	Topamax	2 tablets/day	30 day supply
Tramadol	Ultram®	ER \$161.00	Ryzolt \$201.91		
\$15.74	Pain	50 mg	Generic Tabs	4 tablets/day	5 day supply
\$24.11	Pain	50 mg	Ultram	4 tablets/day	5 day supply
Uncaria Tomentosa	Cat's Claw				
Venlafaxine	Effexor®				
\$123.45	Depression	75 mg	Effexor	2 tablets/day	30 day supply
\$102.21	Depression	75 mg	Effexor XR	1 tablet/day	30 day supply
White willow bark	Willow bark				
Zolpidem	Ambien®				
\$30.69	Insomnia	10 mg	Ambien	1 tablet/day	10 day supply
Zonisamide	Zonegran®				