



## Step Therapy

Step therapy is a program intended to control the costs and risks of prescription drugs. It requires a patient to begin with the most cost-effective and safest drug therapy (Step One drugs) for a medical condition. The patient can switch to other more costly therapies (Step Two drugs) only if necessary and after the Step One drug therapy has been completed, without success. The patient can always choose a Step Two drug prior to trying a Step One drug; however, the plan will not cover the Step Two drug in that case.

Share the list below with your doctor and ask him/her to prescribe a Step One drug if and whenever possible.  
Step therapy medications are listed below:

**Please Note:** This drug list is subject to change. For the most current Step Therapy list and program criteria, please visit [emhp.welldynerx.com](http://emhp.welldynerx.com).

**\*\*You must use two (2) Step One drugs before using a Step Two drug**

| THERAPEUTIC CATEGORY                              | Step One Drugs   | Step Two Drugs   |
|---|--|--|
| Acid Reflux/GERD                                  | Esomeprazole, omeprazole, lansoprazole, pantoprazole, rabeprazole  | Aciphex, Dexilant, Nexium, Prevacid, Prilosec packets, Protonix suspension   |
| Allergies: Nasal Spray                            | Dymista, flunisolide, fluticasone, Qnasal, triamcinolone, Veramyst   | Beconase AQ, Flonase, Nasacort AQ, Nasonex Omnaris, Rhinocort Aqua, Zetonna  |
| **Anti-depressants (SSRI/SNRI)                    | All generic SSRI agents, bupropion SR and XL, venlafaxine IR and ER, duloxetine  | Luvox CR, Pexeva, Pristiq, Trintellix, Viibryd (all MSBs are included)   |
| Asthma: Inhaled Corticosteroids                   | Arnuity Ellipta, Asmanex, Flovent HFA, Flovent Diskus, Pulmicort Flexhaler, QVAR   | Aerospan, Alvesco,   |
| Asthma: Rescue Inhalers                           | Proair HFA, ProAir RespiClick, Ventolin HFA  | Proventil HFA, Xopenex HFA   |
| Attention Deficit/Hyperactive Disorder (ADD/ADHD) | amphetamine/dextroamphetamine er, amphetamine/dextroamphetamine, dexmethylphenidate, dexmethylphenidate er, methylphenidate, methylphenidate er, dextroamphetamine, dextroamphetamine er, methamphetamine, Vyvanse, Daytrana | Adderall, Adderall XR, Cotempla XR, Focalin, Focalin XR, Concerta, Dyanavel XR, Metadate CD, Metadate ER, Aptensio XR, Methylin, Ritalin LA, Ritalin, Quilavant XR, Quillichew, Evekeo, Dexedrine, Zenzedi, Procentra, Desoxyn, Dyanavel XR, |



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| Bacterial Conjunctivitis: Ophthalmic Quinolone | ciprofloxacin, levofloxacin Moxeza, Vigamox   | Mydayis   |
| Dementia                                       | Donepezil, memantine  | Besivance   |
| Erectile Dysfunction                           | Cialis, Viagra  | Levitra, Staxyn, Stendra  |
| Glaucoma: prostaglandins                       | latanoprost, travoprost, Lumigan, Travatan Z  | Rescula, Xalatan, Zioptan   |
| High Blood Pressure (ARB's)                    | amlodipine/valsartan, amlodipine/valsartan HCTZ, candesartan/candesartan-HCTZ, eprosartan, irbesartan/irbesartan-HCTZ, losartan/losartan-HCTZ, telmisartan, telmisartan/amlodipine, valsartan, valsartan-HCTZ, Azor, Benicar/Benicar HCT, Tribenzor | Atacand, Atacand HCT, Avalide, Avapro, Cozaar, Diovan, Diovan HCT, Edarbi, Edarbyclor, Exforge/Exforge HCT, Micardis, Micardis HCT, Tekturta, Tekturta HCT, Teveten, Teveten HCT, Twynsta |
| High Cholesterol: Fibric Acid Derivatives      | fenofibric capsules, fenofibrate tablets, fenofibrate micronized, fenofibric acid capsule   | Fenoglide, Fibrocor, Lofibra, Lipofen, Triglide (all branded generics included)   |
| Infertility: Progesterones (vaginal)           | Crinone   | Endometrin  |
| Insomnia                                       | Eszopiclone, temazepam, triazolam, zaleplon, zolpidem IR and CR   | Belsomra, Intermezzo, Lunesta, Edluar, Rozerem, Silenor, Zolpimist (all MSBs are included)  |
| Low Testosterone                               | Androgel, Axiron  | Fortesta, Natesto, Striant, Testim, Vogelxo, Testosterone 1% gel (authorized generic for both Vogelxo and Testim)   |
| **Non-steroidal Anti-inflammatory Agent        | All generic NSAID agents  | Celebrex, celecoxib, Tivorbex, Vivlodex   |
| Opioid Analgesics                              | Butrans, hydromorphone er, Hysingla ER, morphine sulfate ER/CR, Nucynta ER, Opana ER, Oxycontin, oxymorphone ER   | Avinza, Embeda, Exalgo, Kadian, MS Contin, Oxaydo, Xtampza, Zohydro,  |
| Osteoporosis                                   | alendronate, ibandronate  | Actonel, Atelvia, Binosto, Fosamax plus D (all MSBs are included)   |
| Otic Antibiotics                               | Ciprofloxacin otic solution, Ciprodex   | Cetraxal  |
| Overactive Bladder                             | oxybutynin IR/ XL, trospium IR/ XR, tolterodine IR/LA, Gelnique, Myrbetriq, Toviaz, Vesicare  | Detrol, Detrol LA, Ditropan, Ditropan XL, Enablex, Oxytrol, Sanctura, Sanctura XR   |



| THERAPEUTIC CATEGORY | Step One Drugs              | Step Two Drugs                 |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Pancreatic Enzymes   | Creon, Pancrelipase, Zenpep | Pancreaze DR, Pertzye, Ultresa |
| Pregabalin           | gabapentin                  | Lyrica                         |