

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.welldynrx.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, Nasonex, Qnasal, triamcinolone, Veramyst	Beconase AQ, Nasacort AQ, 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, dexamethylphenidate, dexamethylphenidate er, methylphenidate, methylphenidate er, dextroamphetamine, dextroamphetamine er, methamphetamine, Vyvanse, Daytrana	Adderall, Adderall XR, Focalin, Focalin XR, Concerta, Dyanavel XR, Metadate CD, Metadate ER, Aptensio XR, Methylin, Ritalin LA, Ritalin, Quilivant XR, Quillichew, Evekeo, Dexedrine, Zenedi, Procentra, Desoxyn, Dyanavel XR
Bacterial Conjunctivitis: Ophthalmic Quinolone	Moxeza, Vigamox	Besivance
Dementia	Donepezil, memantine	Namenda XR, Namzaric
Diabetes Therapy: Oral	Januvia, Janumet/Janumet XR, Jentadueto, Tradjenta	Kazano, Kombiglyze XR Nesina, Onglyza

Therapeutic Category	Step One Drugs	Step Two Drugs
Diabetes Therapy: Rapid-acting Insulin	Humalog	Apidra, Novolog
Diabetes Therapy: Regular Insulin	Humulin R, Humulin N, Humulin 70/30	Novolin R, Novolin N, Novolin 70/30
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, Tekturna, Tekturna 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, Oramorph SR, Zohydro, oxycodone ER (PAR and Sandoz formulations)
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
Pancreatic Enzymes	Creon, Pancrelipase, Zenpep	Pancreaze DR, Pertzye, Ultresa



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Topical Acne/ Antibiotic Combinations	Clindamycin/ benzoyl peroxide, clindamycin plus tretinoin, Acanya, Onexton, Ziana	BenzaClin Gel Pump, Veltin