

WHY CHOOSE GENERIC MEDICINE?

Pharmacists often suggest generic medicine, but what is the difference?

What is generic medicine?

Generic medicine refers to products that have exactly the same active ingredients, the same strength of the active ingredients, the same dosage as the original brand name medicine, and the same quality.

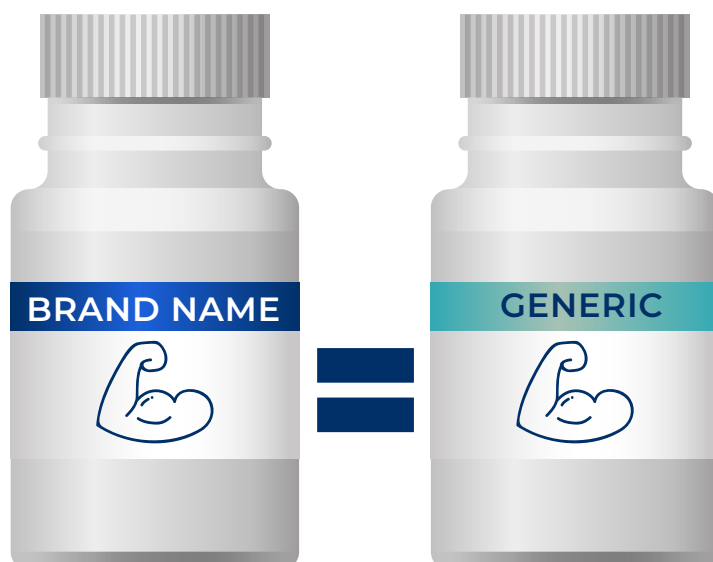
Is generic medicine just as good as branded medicine?

Yes, generic medicine has:

- The same active ingredient as the brand name drug and yields the same therapeutic effect.
- The same strength
- The same dosage form (e.g. tablet, capsule, cream)
- The same route of administration
- The same efficiency and safety

What is generic substitution?

Generic substitution means the substitution of prescribed medicine with medicine marketed by a different company. This is called interchangeable multi-source medicine.



Generic medicines may look different and may contain different non-active ingredients, but they are:

- Allowed for sale after the patents on the original branded drugs expire.
- Typically sold at substantial discounts from the branded price.
- Developed and made by a company other than the company that makes the brand-name original drug.

Generic medicines VS Original branded medicines

What are the benefits of choosing generic medicine?

- The price of medicine is less.
- It is easier to find a generic medicine equivalent.
- Your medicine benefits will last longer.
- Ensure maximum value of medical scheme benefits without adversely affecting your health. You get the best value from your medical scheme at the best price.



Please consult your Pharmacist or Healthcare Professionals for more information.