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Excluded Medication* Brand name (generic name)	Use	Alternative Therapy	What You Should Do
Antibiotic and Antifungal Agents			
Tolsura (itraconazole) 65 mg capsule	Systemic fungal infections	Generic Rx itraconazole 100 mg capsule	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Anti-inflammatory Agents			
diclofenac 1.5% topical solution	Osteoarthritis of the knee	OTC topical analgesic (ex Voltaren/diclofenac Gel OTC, Capsaicin) or oral NSAID agent (Rx or OTC)	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Duexis (ibuprofen & famotidine) tablet	Osteoarthritis or Rheumatoid arthritis	Generic OTC or Rx NSAID (ibuprofen) + generic acid reducer (famotidine)	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
fenopropfen calcium 200 mg capsule	Osteoarthritis or Rheumatoid arthritis	Generic OTC or Rx NSAID	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Flector (diclofenac) 1.3% patch	Acute pain control	Oral OTC or Rx NSAIDs, OTC topical analgesic (ex Voltaren/diclofenac Gel, Capsaicin), or OTC pain patches	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Indocin (indomethacin) suppositories	Gout	Generic OTC or Rx NSAID	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Mitigare (colchicine) capsule	Gout	Generic colchicine 0.6mg tablet	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Nalocet (oxycodone with 300 mg acetaminophen) tablet	Pain control	Generic oxycodone and acetaminophen tablets (with 325 mg acetaminophen)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Naprelan (naproxen) ER tablet	Osteoarthritis or Rheumatoid arthritis	OTC naproxen	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Norgesic / Norgesic Forte (orphenadrine, aspirin & caffeine) tablet	Musculoskeletal Pain	Generic orphenadrine (non-combination) or other generic NSAID	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Orphenhesisic Forte (orphenadrine, aspirin & caffeine) tablet	Musculoskeletal Pain	Generic orphenadrine (non-combination) or other generic NSAID	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Pennsaid (diclofenac) 2% topical solution	Osteoarthritis of the knee	OTC topical analgesic (ex Voltaren/diclofenac Gel, Capsaicin) or oral NSAID agent (Rx or OTC)	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Prolate (oxycodone with 300 mg acetaminophen) tablet	Pain control	Generic oxycodone and acetaminophen tablets (with 325 mg acetaminophen)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Prolate (oxycodone with 300 mg acetaminophen) solution	Pain control	Generic oxycodone and acetaminophen solution (with 325 mg acetaminophen per 5 ml)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Seglentis (tramadol & celecoxib) tablet	Acute pain control	Generic tramadol and generic celecoxib	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Vimovo (naproxen & esomeprazole) tablet	Osteoarthritis or Rheumatoid arthritis	Generic OTC or Rx NSAID (naproxen) + proton-pump inhibitor (esomeprazole)	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Vivlodex (meloxicam) capsule	Osteoarthritis or Rheumatoid arthritis	Generic NSAID	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Zipsor (diclofenac) capsule	Osteoarthritis or Rheumatoid arthritis	Generic OTC or Rx NSAID	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Cardiovascular Agents			
Antihyperlipidemic			
Atorvaliq (atorvastatin) suspension	High cholesterol	Generic Rx atorvastatin tablets	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Fenoglide (fenofibrate) 120mg tablet	High triglycerides	Other dosage forms and strengths of generic fenofibrate	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Lovaza (omega-3-acid ethyl esters) capsule	High triglycerides	Generic OTC omega-3 fatty acids	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Niacor (niacin) tablet	High triglycerides	OTC Niacin	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Diuretics			
CaroSpir (spironolactone) suspension	Diuretic / cardiovascular agent	Generic Rx spironolactone tablets (can be compounded to liquid by a pharmacist)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Central Nervous System Agents			
Antidepressive Agents			
Aplenzin (bupropion) ER tablet	Depression	Generic bupropion HCL ER or immediate release tablets	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Auvelity (bupropion & dextromethorphan)	Depression	Generic bupropion xl tablet	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
venlafaxine ER tablet	Depression/anxiety/social anxiety	Generic venlafaxine ER capsules or immediate release venlafaxine	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Anti-Parkinson Agents			
Gocovri (amantadine) ER capsule	Parkinson's tremors	Generic Rx immediate release amantadine	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Osmolex ER (amantadine) ER tablet	Parkinson's tremors	Generic Rx immediate release amantadine	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Rytary (carbidopa & levodopa) ER capsule	Parkinson's tremors	Generic Carbidopa-Levodopa ER tablets	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Hypnotics/Sedatives/Sleep Disorder Agents			
Edluar (zolpidem) SL tablet	Insomnia	Generic Rx zolpidem (Ambien)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Intermezzo (zolpidem) SL tablet	Insomnia	Generic Rx zolpidem (Ambien)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Migraine Products			
Allzital (acetaminophen & butalbital) tablet	Migraine relief	Generic OTC or Rx acetaminophen or NSAID; or other generic butalbital-acetaminophen combination	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Cambia (diclofenac) powder packet	Migraine relief	Generic Rx antimigraine agent such as sumatriptan (Imitrex)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Elyxyb (celecoxib) oral solution	Migraine relief	Generic OTC or Rx NSAID (such as celecoxib capsules or ibuprofen solution)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Onzetra Xsail (sumatriptan) nasal powder	Migraine relief	Generic Rx antimigraine agent such as sumatriptan (Imitrex)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Tosymra (sumatriptan) nasal spray	Migraine relief	Generic Rx antimigraine agent such as sumatriptan (Imitrex)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Treximet (sumatriptan & naproxen) tablet	Migraine relief	Generic Rx sumatriptan (Imitrex) + as needed OTC NSAID (naproxen)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Zembrace Symtouch (sumatriptan) sc inj	Migraine relief	Generic Rx antimigraine agent such as sumatriptan (Imitrex)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Musculoskeletal Therapy Agents			
Amrix (cyclobenzaprine) ER capsule	Muscle relaxant	Generic Rx cyclobenzaprine (Flexeril)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
chlorzoxazone 250 mg tablet	Muscle relaxant	Immediate release cyclobenzaprine; Chlorzoxazone 500mg tab	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Fexmid (cyclobenzaprine) 7.5 mg tablet	Muscle relaxant	Generic cyclobenzaprine 5mg or 10mg tablets	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Lorzone (chlorzoxazone) 375 mg and 750 mg tablets	Muscle relaxant	Immediate release cyclobenzaprine; Chlorzoxazone 500mg tab	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Neurological Agents			
Eprontia (topiramate) oral solution	Migraine prevention or anticonvulsant	Generic Rx immediate release topiramate (Topamax)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Gralise (gabapentin) ER tablet	Postherpetic neuralgia (nerve condition)	Generic Rx immediate release gabapentin (Neurontin)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Horizant (gabapentin) ER tablet	Postherpetic neuralgia (nerve condition)	Generic Rx immediate release gabapentin (Neurontin)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Qudexy (topiramate) XR sprinkle capsule	Migraine prevention or anticonvulsant	Generic Rx immediate release topiramate (Topamax)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Trokendi XR (topiramate) ER capsule	Migraine prevention or anticonvulsant	Generic Rx immediate release topiramate (Topamax)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription

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Brand name (generic name)			
Dermatological Agents			
Acne Agents			
Aklief (trifarotene) cream	Acne	Generic topical OTC adapalene 0.1%, generic topical tazarotene cream 0.1%, or tretinoin cream	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Amzeeq (minocycline) topical foam	Acne	Topical generic clindamycin 1% gel or lotion	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Doryx (doxycycline hyclate) DR tablet	Acne	Doxycycline Hyclate Immediate Release or doxycycline monohydrate IR	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Doryx MPC (doxycycline hyclate) DR tablet	Acne	Doxycycline Hyclate Immediate Release or doxycycline monohydrate IR	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Epiduo Forte (adapalene & benzoyl peroxide)	Topical antiseptic/acne	OTC adapalene (Differin gel) and benzoyl peroxide (Clean & Clear Persa-Gel 10)	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Epsolay (benzoyl peroxide) 5% cream	Topical acne cream/rosacea inflammatory lesions	OTC benzoyl peroxide	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Minolira (minocycline) ER	Acne	Generic immediate release minocycline tablets	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
TargaDOX (doxycycline) tablet	Acne	Doxycycline Hyclate 50 mg tablet	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Twyneo (tretinoin & benzoyl peroxide)	Acne	Generic tretinoin cream and OTC benzoyl peroxide	Talk to your doctor about alternative prescriptions
Ximino (minocycline) ER capsule	Acne	Generic immediate release minocycline tablets	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Antifungal Agents			
Jublia (efinaconazole) solution	Toe nail fungus	Oral generic Rx terbinafine (Lamisil)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Kerydin (tavaborole) solution	Toe nail fungus	Oral generic Rx terbinafine (Lamisil)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Luzu (luliconazole) 1% cream	Topical antifungal	Topical OTC antifungal such as Lotrimin or topical generic Rx such as ketoconazole	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Vusion (miconazole & zinc oxide)	Topical antifungal	OTC Desitin + OTC miconazole cream	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Xolegel (ketoconazole) 2% gel (including combination products)	Topical antifungal	Topical OTC antifungal such as Lotrimin or topical generic Rx such as ketoconazole	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Antiviral Agents			
Denavir (penciclovir) cream	Herpes labialis (cold sores)	Generic acyclovir ointment	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Sitavig (acyclovir) buccal tablet	Oral antiviral (treatment for cold sores)	OTC topical antiviral (Abreva)	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
	Topical antiviral and steroid (treatment for cold sores)	Acyclovir ointment 5% plus OTC 1% hydrocortisone ointment	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Xerese (acyclovir & hydrocortisone) cream			
Skin Lubricants, Moisturizers, or Barriers			
Aladerm Plus	Skin lubricant, moisturizer, or barrier	OTC topical lidocaine with emollient such as Vaseline or Aquaphor	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Ceracade	Skin lubricant, moisturizer, or barrier	OTC topical emollient such as Vaseline, Aquaphor, or Aloe	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Emulsion SB	Skin lubricant, moisturizer, or barrier	OTC topical emollient such as Vaseline, Aquaphor, or Aloe	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Enty emulsion spray	Skin lubricant, moisturizer, or barrier	OTC topical emollient such as Vaseline, Aquaphor, or Aloe	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
EpiCeram Skin Barrier	Skin lubricant, moisturizer, or barrier	OTC topical emollient such as Vaseline, Aquaphor, or Aloe	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Ilderm	Skin lubricant, moisturizer, or barrier	OTC topical lidocaine with emollient such as Vaseline or Aquaphor	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
KamDoy Rx skin emulsion	Skin lubricant, moisturizer, or barrier	OTC topical lidocaine with emollient such as Vaseline or Aquaphor	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Penlen	Skin lubricant, moisturizer, or barrier	OTC topical emollient such as Vaseline, Aquaphor, or Aloe	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Prudoxin (doxepin) 5% cream	Topical emollient	OTC diphenhydramine or topical OTC or Rx steroid cream	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Synderm emulsion	Topical emollient	OTC topical emollient such as Vaseline, Aquaphor, or Aloe	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Wound dressings - all product types	Topical emollient	OTC Duoderm products	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Zonalon (doxepin) 5% cream	Topical emollient	OTC diphenhydramine or topical OTC or Rx steroid cream	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Topical Steroids			
Alcortin A (iodoquinol & hydrocortisone) external gel	Non-inflammatory skin disease	Generic Rx iodoquinol / hydrocortisone (Dermazene or Vytone)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Bryhali (halobetasol) 0.01% lotion	Topical steroid lotion	Generic Rx topical steroid such as clobetasol or alternate halobetasol formulation	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Cordran (flurandrenolide) cream, lotion, ointment, & tape	Topical steroid	Generic Rx topical steroid such as clobetasol or halobetasol formulation	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Duobrii (halobetasol & tazarotene)	Topical steroid	Generic Rx topical steroid such as halobetasol or clobetasol + tazarotene	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Kenalog (triamcinolone) spray	Topical steroid spray	Generic Rx topical steroid in cream or lotion formulation such as betamethasone 0.1% or fluticasone	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Pramosone (pramoxine & hydrocortisone) cream	Non-inflammatory skin disease	Generic Rx topical corticosteroid or OTC Preparation H	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Psorcon (diflorasone) cream	Topical steroid	Generic Rx topical steroid such as betamethasone cream or ointment or fluticasone ointment	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Sernivo (betamethasone)	Topical steroid	Generic Rx topical steroid in cream or lotion formulation such as betamethasone 0.1% or fluticasone	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Wynzora (calcipotriene and betamethasone) cream	Topical steroid	Generic Rx topical calcipotriene and betamethasone ointment	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Topical - Other Agents			
**DermacinRx - all product extensions/types	Topical steroid/analgesic/anti-inflammatory	Generic OTC topical analgesics, corticosteroids, or anti-inflammatory PLUS hydrating agents like petroleum jelly	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Endocrine and Metabolic Agents			
Antidiabetics			
Fortamet (metformin, ER, osmotic release)	Oral antidiabetic agent	Generic Rx metformin ER (Glucophage XR formulation)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Glumetza (metformin, ER modified release)	Oral antidiabetic agent	Generic Rx metformin ER (Glucophage XR formulation)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Corticosteroids			
Hemady (dexamethasone) tablet	Steroid anti-inflammatory	Generic Rx dexamethasone tablet	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Rayos (prednisone, DR) tablet	Steroid anti-inflammatory	Generic Rx prednisone or methylprednisolone	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription

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Gastrointestinal Agents			
Bonjesta (doxylamine & pyridoxine) tablet	Nausea/vomiting	OTC vitamin B6 + Unisom	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Dexilant (dexlansoprazole) capsule	Indigestion/Gastroesophageal reflux disease	Generic Rx or OTC proton-pump inhibitor	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Diclegis (doxylamine & pyridoxine) tablet	Nausea/vomiting	OTC vitamin B6 + Unisom	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Glycate (glycopyrrolate) 1.5 mg tablet	Ulcer adjunctive therapy	glycopyrrolate 1 mg or 2 mg tablet	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
lactulose 10 gram packet	Constipation/Hepatic encephalopathy	Generic lactulose 10 grams per 15 mL solution	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Zegerid (omeprazole & sodium bicarbonate) capsule	Heart burn	Generic Rx or OTC proton-pump inhibitor + OTC Tums	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Hematological Agents			
Yosprala (aspirin & omeprazole) tablet	Secondary prevention of cardiovascular event	Generic OTC aspirin + OTC omeprazole (Prilosec)	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Nutrients and Nutritional Agents			
Dietary Management agents (such as Vasculera, Xyzbac, and others)			
	Dietary supplement	OTC multivitamin plus OTC CoQ10 + Rx folic acid	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Folic Acid/Vitamin D supplements (such as Folixapure, Folixate, Foltrexyl, and others)			
	Folic Acid/Vitamin D Supplement	OTC oral vitamin D + Rx folic acid	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Multi-vitamin dietary supplements (such as One-A-Day, Thera-tab, Therems, and others)			
	Dietary supplement	OTC multivitamin plus OTC CoQ10 + Rx folic acid	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Nascobal (cyanocobalamin) nasal solution	Vitamin B-12 supplement	OTC oral vitamin B-12 or Rx injectable vitamin B-12	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Ophthalmic and Otic Agents			
Cequa (cyclosporine) 0.09% ophthalmic solution	Dry eye relief	OTC ophthalmic lubricants	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Tyrvaya (varenicline) nasal solution	Dry eye relief	OTC ophthalmic lubricants	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Vuity (pilocarpine) 1.25% ophthalmic solution	Age-related blurry near vision	Generic Rx pilocarpine eye drops 1% or corrective lenses	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Vyzulta (latanoprostene) 0.024% ophthalmic solution	Glaucoma	Generic Rx latanoprost (Xalatan)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Xelpros (latanoprost) 0.005% ophthalmic emulsion	Glaucoma	Generic Rx latanoprost (Xalatan)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
Xiidra (lifitegrast) 5% ophthalmic solution	Dry eye disease	OTC ophthalmic antihistamine or lubricant or Rx generic antihistamine	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Respiratory Agents			
Cough/Cold/Allergy/Antihistamine			
Ryclora (dexchlorpheniramine maleate) oral solution	Allergy relief	OTC or generic Rx antihistamine	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Ryvont (carbinoxamine maleate) 6 mg tablet	Allergy relief	OTC antihistamine	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Nasal Agents - Systemic and Topical			
Sinuva (mometasone) nasal implant	Nasal polyps	OTC fluticasone (Flonase) nasal spray or oral antihistamine + decongestant	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
Xhance (fluticasone) nasal spray	Allergy relief	OTC fluticasone (Flonase) nasal spray or oral antihistamine + decongestant	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives

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