

# Brand vs. Generic Medications

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Though the names are different, generic and brand name medications work the same. The FDA tests both for safety and quality. Generics may contain different fillers and preservatives than brand name medications. But generics have the same quality, strength, and dosage as brand names.

The biggest difference is cost. Generics can be 80-85% cheaper than brand name medications. If you think a generic medication may work for you, ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist.