



# Drugs of Choice (DOC) List

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## IMPORTANT NOTES ON USE OF THIS REFERENCE:

All medications listed on the DOC LIST are designated as preferred medications by NC Medicaid and NC Health Choice and are listed as Tier 1 by BCBS of NC and NC State Health Plan.

<b>ANALGESICS</b>	<b>Antivirals</b>	<b>Calcium Channel Blockers</b>	lamotrigine
<b>Short Acting Narcotics</b>	acyclovir	amlodipine*	levetiracetam
hydrocodone/APAP	<b>BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</b>	nifedipine/nifedipine ER	topiramate
codeine/APAP	<b>ADHD</b>	diltiazem/diltiazem ER	<b>Antiparkinson/Restless Leg</b>
oxycodone IR*	amphetamine salt combo	verapamil/verapamil ER*	benztropine
morphine sulfate IR	dextroamphetamine	<b>Diuretics</b>	carbidopa/levodopa
<b>NSAIDS</b>	dexmethylphenidate	hydrochlorothiazide	pramipexole
diclofenac	methylphenidate	furosemide	ropinirole
ibuprofen	<b>Antipsychotics</b>	spironolactone	<b>Sedative Hypnotics</b>
naproxen	haloperidol	<b>Coronary Vasodilators</b>	temazepam
<b>Other Analgesic</b>	clozapine	isosorbide dinitrate	zolpidem
tramadol	risperidone	isosorbide mononitrate	<b>Skeletal Muscle Relaxants</b>
<b>ORAL ANTI-INFECTIVES</b>	<b>Antidepressants</b>	nitroglycerin SL tabs	baclofen
<b>Antifungals</b>	amitriptyline	<b>Antiarrhythmics</b>	cyclobenzaprine
fluconazole	bupropion	amiodarone	tizanidine
nystatin	mirtazapine	digoxin	<b>Smoking Cessation</b>
terbinafine	trazodone	<b>Antiplatelet</b>	bupropion SR
<b>Cephalosporins and Related</b>	citalopram	dipyridamole	nicotine patch
amoxicillin/clavulanate	fluoxetine	ticlopidine	<b>Migraine</b>
cephalexin	paroxetine/paroxetine CR	<b>Fibrates</b>	sumatriptan
cefdinir	venlafaxine/venlafaxine ER	gemfibrozil	<b>ENDOCRINE</b>
<b>Macrolides</b>	<b>Anxiolytics</b>	<b>Statins</b>	<b>Thyroid Replacement</b>
azithromycin	alprazolam	lovastatin	levothyroxine sodium
<b>Quinolones</b>	clonazepam	pravastatin	Levoxyll
ciprofloxacin	lorazepam	simvastatin	liothyronine
<b>Tetracyclines</b>	<b>CARDIOVASCULAR</b>	<b>CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM</b>	<b>Hormone Replacement</b>
doxycycline hyclate	<b>ACE Inhibitors</b>	<b>Anticonvulsants</b>	estradiol
minocycline IR	benazepril*	carbamazepine	estradiol patch
tetracycline	enalapril*	oxcarbazepine	estradiol/norethindrone
<b>Other</b>	lisinopril*	divalproex	<b>Oral glucocorticoids</b>
clindamycin	<b>Beta Blockers</b>	phenytoin	methylprednisolone
SMX/TMP	atenolol*	gabapentin	prednisone
metronidazole	carvedilol*		
	metoprolol tartrate*		

\*includes combination product of same generic drug

<b>Oral Contraceptives</b>	<b>H-2 Receptor Antagonists</b>	polymyxin B/TMP	<b>TOPICALS</b>
<i>monophasic:</i> Sprintec	famotidine	tobramycin	<b>Antifungals</b>
<i>biphasic:</i> Kariva	ranitidine	<b>Anti-Inflammatory</b>	clotrimazole
<i>triphasic:</i> Tri-Sprintec	<b>Proton Pump Inhibitors</b>	prednisolone	ketoconazole
<i>high-dose:</i> Ogestrel	omeprazole	<b>Glaucoma</b>	nystatin
<i>extended cycle:</i> Jolessa	pantoprazole	brimonidine	<b>Anti-Infectives (Acne)</b>
<i>noncyclic:</i> Amethyst	<b>GENITOURINARY</b>	timolol *	benzoyl peroxide
<i>progestin only:</i> Camila	<b>BPH</b>	dorzolamide*	clindamycin phosphate
<b>Oral Hypoglycemics</b>	doxazosin	<b>Prostaglandin Agonists</b>	erythromycin
glimepiride	terazosin	latanoprost	<b>Anti-Infectives (Non-Acne)</b>
glipizide/glipizide XL	finasteride	<b>OTICS</b>	mupirocin
glyburide	<b>Urinary Antispasmodic</b>	<b>Antibiotics</b>	<b>Antiinflammatory</b>
acarbose	oxybutynin	neomycin/polymyxin B/TMP	<i>Low potency:</i> hydrocortisone
metformin	<b>HEMATOLOGIC</b>	<b>RESPIRATORY</b>	<i>Med potency:</i> fluocinonide
nateglinide	<b>Anticoagulant</b>	<b>Non-sedating Antihistamines</b>	<i>High potency:</i> triamcinolone
<b>GASTROINTESTINAL</b>	warfarin	cetirizine	<i>Very High potency:</i> clobetasol
<b>Antiemetics</b>	<b>OPHTHALMICS</b>	loratadine	<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>
meclizine	Anti-Infectives	<b>Intranasal Rhinitis</b>	<b>Gout</b>
metoclopramide	ciprofloxacin	fluticasone	allopurinol
promethazine	erythromycin	flunisolide	<b>Osteoporosis</b>
			alendronate

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### DOC List Selection Criteria

**Round 1:** Determine Drug Classes with any individual drugs in the Top 100 by volume lists (Drug Topics, Pharmacy Times)

**Round 2:** Keep any individual drugs within each class if:

- 1) Preferred by NC Medicaid/Health Choice ( without clinical criteria) **-AND-**
- 2) Tier 1 Blue Cross Blue Shield NC **-AND-**
- 3) Tier 1 NC State Health Plan

**Round 3:** Add back to the list any drugs where all drugs from a given drug class were eliminated in Round 2 and do Cost Evaluation\*

**Round 4:** Determine 90% market share threshold (using NC Medicaid as benchmark) and eliminate rarely used drugs\*\*

\*For classes not having at least one drug surviving Round 2, cash pay cost information from seven pharmacies were gathered for each drug, with each pharmacy-drug combination being selected at random, and were selected to be included based on cost relative to others in the class

\*\*Drugs were then ordered based on fill volume and a cumulative percentage. Any drug falling below the 90% cumulative percentage threshold were eliminated. Drugs in classes with greater than 4 remaining were further excluded if not in top 90% market share

