



Drugs of Choice (DOC) List

More details and updated versions may be downloaded at www.ncdoclist.com

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.

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

*includes combination product of same generic drug

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

