

Hospitalists

2020 Clinical Integration (CI) Pharmacy Program

Angiotensin Receptor Blockers (ARB) Recall:

- To date, select manufacturers and lot numbers of **irbesartan**, **losartan**, and **valsartan** have been included in the FDA recall
- To date, **azilsartan**, **candesartan**, **eprosartan**, **olmesartan**, and **telmisartan**, have not been included in the FDA recall

Generic Name	Brand Name	Low Dose	Medium Dose	High Dose
azilsartan	Edarbi	40mg		80mg
candesartan	Atacand	4-8mg	16mg	32mg
eprosartan	Teveten		600mg	
irbesartan	Avapro	75mg	150mg	300mg
losartan	Cozaar	25mg	50-100mg	
olmesartan	Benicar	<20mg	20mg	40mg
telmisartan	Micardis	20mg	40mg	80mg
valsartan	Diovan	40-80mg	80-160mg	320mg
implicated to date in FDA recall				

Note: Blood pressure monitoring and dosage titration may be required following any ARB medication conversion.

The following are Key Recommendations to help increase Generic Prescribing:

- Reinforce the value of generics with patients!

Generic Advair Diskus (fluticasone/salmeterol) 50mcg/100mcg; 100mcg/50mcg; and 250mcg/50mcg inhalation powder is available!

Generic ProAir HFA (albuterol 90mcg/puff) 8.5g and generic Ventolin HFA (albuterol 90mcg/puff) 18g inhalers are available!

- Use generic Crestor (**rosuvastatin**), generic Lipitor (**atorvastatin**), generic Pravachol (**pravastatin**), or generic Zocor (**simvastatin**).
Reserve Livalo for those patients who do not tolerate or respond to one of the generic statins.

Evaluate the need for ongoing PPI therapy!

- Use **Nexium 24HR OTC**, **Prevacid 24HR OTC**, **Prilosec OTC**, or **Zegerid OTC** as initial therapeutic options.
- Use generic AcipHex (**rabeprazole**), generic Nexium (**esomeprazole**), generic Prevacid (**lansoprazole**), generic Prilosec (**omeprazole**), or generic Protonix (**pantoprazole**) as secondary therapy. **Avoid Dexilant!**

- Use *Flonase Allergy Relief OTC*, generic Flonase (fluticasone propionate), *Flonase Sensimist OTC* (fluticasone furoate), *Nasacort Allergy 24HR OTC*, generic Nasarel (flunisolide), generic Nasonex (mometasone furoate), or *Rhinocort Allergy Spray OTC*.
Avoid Beconase AQ, Dymista, Omnaris, QNASL, and Zetonna!
- Use generic Synthroid (levothyroxine).
- Walmart offers 30 day supplies of levothyroxine for \$4: 90 day supplies for \$10
Reserve Armour Thyroid, Nature-Throid, brand Synthroid, and brand Tirosint for those patients who do not tolerate or respond to generic levothyroxine.

The above applies to outpatient prescribing only!