

American vs. Canadian Prescription Drug Cost Analysis

The following is a cost comparison of a sampling of prescription drug prices in America versus the same drugs in Canada.

Drug	Use	Strength/ Quantity	Cost in U.S.	Cost in Canada	Savings in Canada
Celebrex	Arthritis	100mg/100	\$150.27	\$72.27	52%
Glucophage	Diabetes	500mg/100	\$61.67*	\$23.49*	62%
Lipitor	Cholesterol	20mg/90	\$246.74	\$164.78	43%
Norvasc	Hypertension	10mg/100 Rx	\$184.78	\$161.16	13%
Paxil	Depressant	10mg/30	\$74.21	\$51.26	31%
Tamoxifen	Breast Cancer	20mg/100	\$232.96*	\$61.38*	74%

All prices in U.S. dollars, as of March 12, 2003, and subject to change.

Sources: AARP bulletin average of mail order prices from four U.S. and four Canadian pharmacy websites, and prices posted on the MSF website, March 12, 2003.

*U.S. Generic
 †Canadian Generic