

**IHS National Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee
National Core Formulary**

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****Note: Medications in GREY indicate removed items. ****

Generic Medication Name	Pharmacological Category (UpToDate)	Formulary Brief (if available)	Notes / Miscellaneous	Similar NCF medications
Acetaminophen	Analgesic, miscellaneous			
Adalimumab -OR- etanercept (can choose either product)	Antirheumatic, Disease Modifying; Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF) Blocking Agent	TNF Inhibitors (2016)	ONLY In consultation with a rheumatologist	Etanercept, adalimumab
Albuterol (Proventil HFA*)	Beta2 agonist		*Branded product*	
Albuterol nebulized solution	Beta2 agonist			
Alendronate	Bisphosphonate Derivative			
Allopurinol	Antigout Agent; Xanthine Oxidase Inhibitor			
Amitriptyline	Antidepressant, Tricyclic	Antidepressants in Pain Mgmt (2014)		Nortriptyline
Amlodipine	Antihypertensive; Calcium Channel Blocker, Dihydropyridine	Calcium Channel Blockers (2014)		Diltiazem
Anastrozole	Antineoplastic Agent, Aromatase Inhibitor			
Angiotensin Receptor Blocker			Removed April 2012	
Aspirin	Antiplatelet Agent; Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug; Salicylate			Clopidogrel
Atenolol	Antihypertensive; Beta-Blocker, Beta1 selective	Beta Blockers (2014)		Carvedilol, metoprolol, propranolol
Atorvastatin	Antilipemic Agent, HMG-CoA Reductase inhibitor	Dyslipidemia Guideline Review (2014)	ONLY 40mg to 80mg doses (high intensity statin to lower ldl-c ≥ 50%)	Pravastatin, rosuvastatin, simvastatin
Atypical antipsychotic	Atypical antipsychotic		*Any product*	
Bupropion	Antidepressant, Dopamine/Norepinephrine-Reuptake Inhibitor; Smoking Cessation Aid			Varenicline, nicotine replacement therapy
Calcium	Electrolyte supplement		*Any formulation*	
Carbamazepine	Anticonvulsant, Miscellaneous	Antiepileptics (2014)		Divalproex, lamotrigine, levetiracetam, phenytoin, topiramate
Carvedilol	Antihypertensive; Beta-Blocker with Alpha-Blocking Activity	Beta Blockers (2014)	Immediate release only	Atenolol, metoprolol, propranolol
Chlorthalidone	Antihypertensive; Thiazide Diuretic	Chlorthalidone (2012)		Hydrochlorothiazide
Clindamycin, topical	Topical Skin Product, Acne (Lincosamide Antibiotic)	Acne (2013)	*Any product*	Tretinoin
Clonazepam	Benzodiazepine	Alcohol Withdrawal Syndrome (2015)		Lorazepam
Clopidogrel	Antiplatelet Agent	Drug Interaction (2011)		Aspirin
Conjugated equine estrogens, vaginal cream (Premarin*)	Estrogen Derivative	Premarin Vaginal Cream (2011)	*Branded product*	Estradiol tablets
Corticosteroid topical (Intermediate potency)	Topical Corticosteroids		*Any product*	Corticosteroid topical (low potency)
Corticosteroid topical (low potency)	Topical Corticosteroids		*Any product*	Corticosteroid topical (Intermediate potency)
Cyanocobalamin (Vitamin B12), oral	Vitamin, Water Soluble	Hematologic Supplements (2016)		
Dedicated Emergency Contraceptive			Removed September 2013	
Dextroamphetamine / Amphetamine (immediate release)	Central Nervous System Stimulant		Pediatric use only	Dextroamphetamine and amphetamine (long-acting)
Dextroamphetamine / Amphetamine (long-acting)	Central Nervous System Stimulant		Pediatric use only	Dextroamphetamine and amphetamine (immediate release)
Diclofenac	Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drug	NSAIDs (2014)	*Any formulation*	Ibuprofen, indomethacin, meloxicam, naproxen
Digoxin	Antiarrhythmic Agent, Miscellaneous; Cardiac Glycoside			
Diltiazem	Antihypertensive; Calcium Channel Blocker, Nondihydropyridine	Calcium Channel Blockers (2014)		Amlodipine
Divalproex	Anticonvulsant, Miscellaneous	ER Lithium & Divalproex (2012)		Carbamazepine, lamotrigine, levetiracetam, phenytoin, topiramate
Donepezil	Acetylcholinesterase Inhibitor (Central)		5mg and 10mg strengths	
Doxazosin	Alpha1 Blocker; Antihypertensive	Alpha Antagonists (2011)		Prazosin, tamsulosin
Emtricitabine/Tenofovir (Truvada*)	Antiretroviral; Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitor		Post-Exposure Prophylaxis REMS Guide	
Estradiol tablets	Estrogen Derivative	Estradiol (2010)		Conjugated equine estrogens, vaginal cream (Premarin*)
Etanercept -OR- adalimumab (can choose either product)	Antirheumatic, Disease Modifying; Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF) Blocking Agent	TNF Inhibitors (2016)	ONLY In consultation with a rheumatologist	Adalimumab, etanercept
Ethambutol	Antitubercular Agent			Isoniazid, pyrazinamide, rifampin, rifapentine
Ethinyl estradiol / etonogestrel vaginal ring	Contraceptive; Estrogen and Progestin combination			Ethinyl estradiol/norelgestromin, transdermal
Ethinyl estradiol / norelgestromin, transdermal	Contraceptive; Estrogen and Progestin combination			Ethinyl estradiol/etonogestrel vaginal ring
Etonogestrel, implant	Contraceptive; Progestin		*Branded product* CFU for use by a skilled and privileged provider	Oral Contraceptive Pill, Progestin Only; Intrauterine Device, levonorgestrel
Fibric Acid Derivative		Hyperlipidemia (2017)	Removed February 2017	
Finasteride	5 Alpha-Reductase Inhibitor	5 Alpha-Reductase Inhibitor (2011)		
Fluoride, oral	Nutritional Supplement	Supplements in Oral Health (2016)	*Any oral formulation*	
Fluoxetine	Antidepressant; Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor			Bupropion, sertraline, venlafaxine
Fluticasone/Salmeterol (Advair*)			Removed October 2012	
Folic Acid	Vitamin, Water Soluble	Supplements in Womens Health (2016)	Any product containing ≥ 400 mcg / daily dose	
Furosemide	Antihypertensive; Loop Diuretic	Diuretics (2014)		
Gabapentin	Anticonvulsant, Miscellaneous; GABA analog	Gabapentin & Pregabalin in Pain (2014)		
Gemfibrozil			Removed February 2014	
Glipizide	Antidiabetic Agent; Sulfonylurea			
Glucagon	Antidote; Hypoglycemia		For outpatient use	

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Glyburide			Removed May 2015	
H1 Antagonist-2nd generation, long-acting	H1 Antagonist-2nd generation, long-acting		*Any product*	
Hydrochlorothiazide	Antihypertensive; Thiazide Diuretic	Diuretics (2014)		Chlorthalidone
Hydroxychloroquine	Antimalarial			Leflunomide, methotrexate, sulfasalazine
Ibuprofen	Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drug	NSAIDs (2014)		Diclofenac, indomethacin, meloxicam, naproxen
Imipramine			Removed May 2014	
Indomethacin	Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drug	NSAIDs (2014)		Diclofenac, ibuprofen, meloxicam, naproxen
Insulin aspart (NovoLog®)	Insulin, Rapid-Acting	Insulins (2015)	Pen Device	Regular insulin
Insulin aspart / insulin aspart protamine (NovoLog® Mix 70/30)	Insulin, Combination (70/30 Mix)	Insulins (2015)	Pen Device	NPH insulin / regular insulin, NPH insulin
Insulin detemir (Levemir®)	Insulin, Long-Acting	Insulins (2015)	Pen Device	NPH insulin
Insulin NPH (NovoLIN® N)	Insulin, Intermediate-Acting		*Branded product*	Insulin detemir
Insulin NPH / regular human insulin (NovoLIN® 70/30)	Insulin, Combination (70/30 Mix)		*Branded product*	Insulin aspart / insulin aspart protamine, NPH insulin
Insulin, Regular human (NovoLIN® R)	Insulin, Short-Acting		*Branded product*	Insulin aspart
Intranasal corticosteroid	Intranasal corticosteroid		*Any product*	
			Any product	
Intrauterine Device, copper	Contraceptive		CFU for use by a skilled and privileged provider	Intrauterine Device, levonorgestrel
Intrauterine Device, levonorgestrel	Contraceptive, Progestin		*Any product*	Intrauterine Device, copper
Ipratropium, MDI		COPD inhalers (2015)	Removed August 2015	
Iron, oral	Iron Salt	Hematologic Supplements (2016)	*Any oral formulation*	
Isoniazid	Antitubercular Agent			Ethambutol, pyrazinamide, rifampin, rifapentine
Isosorbide dinitrate			Removed August 2013	
Isosorbide mononitrate	Antianginal Agent; Vasodilator			Nitroglycerin 0.4 milligrams, sublingual; nitroglycerin patch
Lactulose	Ammonium Detoxicant; Osmotic Laxative	Cirrhosis & Complications (2015)		Laxative, osmotic
Lamotrigine	Anticonvulsant, Miscellaneous	Antiepileptics (2014)		Carbamazepine, divalproex, levetiracetam, phenytoin, topiramate
Laxative, bulk-forming	Bulk-forming Laxative		*Any product*	
Laxative, osmotic	Osmotic Laxative		*Any product*	Lactulose
Laxative, stimulant	Stimulant Laxative		*Any product*	
Leflunomide	Antirheumatic, Disease Modifying	Non-biologic DMARDs (2016)		Hydroxychloroquine, methotrexate, sulfasalazine
Letrozole	Antineoplastic Agent, Aromatase Inhibitor			
Levetiracetam	Anticonvulsant, Miscellaneous	Antiepileptics (2014)		Carbamazepine, divalproex, lamotrigine, phenytoin, topiramate
Levonorgestrel (Plan B One-Step®)	Contraceptive, Progestin	Indian Health Manual: Chap 15 (2015)	*Branded product*	Ulipristal
Levothyroxine	Thyroid Agent			
Lisinopril	Antihypertensive, Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme Inhibitor	ACE Inhibitors (2014)		
Lithium	Antimanic Agent	ER Lithium & Divalproex (2012)		
Lopinavir/Ritonavir (Kaletra®)			Removed August 2013	
Lorazepam	Benzodiazepine	Alcohol Withdrawal Syndrome (2015)		Clonazepam
Losartan	Antihypertensive, Angiotensin II Receptor Blocker	ARBs (2014)		
Lovastatin			Removed April 2012	
Low-molecular weight heparin	Low-molecular weight heparin	VTE Prophylaxis (2011)	*Any product*	
Medroxyprogesterone acetate, injection	Contraceptive, progestin (injection/depot)			Oral Contraceptive Pill, Progestin Only; medroxyprogesterone, oral
Medroxyprogesterone, oral	Contraceptive; Progestin	Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (2017)		Oral Contraceptive Pill, Progestin Only; medroxyprogesterone injection
Meloxicam	Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drug	NSAIDs (2014)		Diclofenac, ibuprofen, indomethacin, naproxen
Metformin	Antidiabetic Agent; Biguanide			
Methotrexate	Antineoplastic Agent; Antirheumatic; Disease Modifying; Immunosuppressant Agent			Hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide, sulfasalazine
Methylphenidate (immediate release)	Central Nervous System Stimulant		Pediatric use only	Methylphenidate (long-acting)
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Metoprolol	Antihypertensive; Beta-Blocker, Beta1 Selective	Beta Blockers (2014)		Atenolol, carvedilol, propranolol
Mometasone (Asmanex®)	Corticosteroid, Inhalant		*Branded product*	Mometasone/Formoterol (Dulera®)
Mometasone/Formoterol (Dulera®)	Beta2 agonist, Long-Acting; Corticosteroid, Inhalant		*Branded product*	Mometasone (Asmanex®)
Montelukast	Leukotriene Receptor Antagonist			
Naloxone	Antidote; Opioid Antagonist	Treatment of Opioid Overdose (2014)		Naltrexone
Naltrexone	Antidote; Opioid Antagonist	Alcohol Use Disorders (2015)		Naloxone
Naproxen	Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drug	NSAIDs (2014)		Diclofenac, ibuprofen, indomethacin, naproxen
Niacin extended release (Niaspan®)		Hyperlipidemia (2017)	Removed February 2017	
			Combination NRT = nicotine patches + any 1 short-acting NRT product	
Nicotine Replacement Therapy, combination	Smoking Cessation Aid	Nicotine Dependence (2015)		Varenicline, bupropion
Nifedipine (controlled or extended release)			Removed August 2014	
Nitroglycerin 0.4 milligrams, sublingual	Antianginal Agent; Antidote, Extravasation; Vasodilator			Isosorbide mononitrate, nitroglycerin patch
Nitroglycerin patch	Antianginal Agent; Antidote, Extravasation; Vasodilator			Isosorbide mononitrate, nitroglycerin 0.4 milligrams, sublingual
Nortriptyline	Antidepressant, Tricyclic	Antidepressants in Pain Mgmt (2014)		Amitriptyline
Omeprazole (enteric coated)			Removed February 2014	
Ophthalmic Prostaglandin Analogue	Ophthalmic Prostaglandin Analogue	Ophthalmic Prostaglandin (2011)	*Any product*	
Oral Contraceptive Pill, Extended Cycle	Contraceptive		*Any product*	
Oral Contraceptive Pill, Monophasic: 20mcg EE (low)	Contraceptive		*Any product*	Oral Contraceptive Pill, Monophasic: 30-35mcg EE (medium)

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Oral Contraceptive Pill, Progestin Only	Contraceptive		<i>*Any product*</i>	Etonogestrel, implant; Intrauterine Device, levonorgestrel
Oral Contraceptive Pill, Triphasic	Contraceptive		<i>*Any product*</i>	Oral Contraceptive Pill, Monophasics
Oxybutynin	Antispasmodic Agent, Urinary	Overactive Bladder (2013)		Trospium
Phenytoin	Anticonvulsant, Hydantoin	Antiepileptics (2014)		Carbamazepine, divalproex, lamotrigine, levetiracetam, topiramate
Pioglitazone			Removed February 2010	
Pravastatin	Antilipemic Agent, HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitor	Dyslipidemia Guideline Review (2014)		Atorvastatin, rosuvastatin, simvastatin
Prazosin	Alpha1 Blocker; Antihypertensive	PTSD Indication (2012)		Doxazosin, tamsulosin
Prednisone	Corticosteroid, Systemic			
Propranolol	Antihypertensive; Beta-Blocker, non-selective	Beta Blockers (2014)		Atenolol, carvedilol, metoprolol
Proton Pump Inhibitor	Proton Pump Inhibitor	Proton Pump Inhibitors (2014)	<i>*Any product*</i>	
Pyrazinamide	Antitubercular Agent			Ethambutol, isoniazid, rifampin, rifapentine
Pyridoxine (vitamin B6)	Vitamin, Water Soluble	Obstetric Supplements (2016)		
Raltegravir (Isentress®)	Antiretroviral; Integrase Inhibitor		Post-Exposure Prophylaxis	
Ranitidine	Histamine H2 Antagonist			
Rifampin	Antitubercular Agent			Ethambutol, isoniazid, pyrazinamide, rifapentine
Rifapentine	Antitubercular Agent	Rifapentine (2013)		Ethambutol, isoniazid, pyrazinamide, rifampin
Rosuvastatin	Antilipemic Agent, HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitor	Hyperlipidemia (2017)		Atorvastatin, pravastatin, simvastatin
Salmeterol (Serevent®)			Removed September 2011	
Salsalate	Salicylate			
Serotonin 5-HT1 agonist (triptan)	Antimigraine Agent; Serotonin 5-HT 1B/1D Receptor Agonist	Tryptans (2016)	2 "triptan" agents required, one must be sumatriptan	Sumatriptan
Sertraline	Antidepressant, Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor			Bupropion, fluoxetine, venlafaxine
Sevelamer (Renvela®)	Phosphate Binder	Phosphate Binder (2010)	<i>*Branded product*</i>	
Simvastatin	Antilipemic Agent, HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitor	Dyslipidemia Guideline Review (2014)		Atorvastatin, pravastatin
Spironolactone	Antihypertensive; Potassium Sparing Diuretic; Mineralocorticoid Receptor Antagonists	Diuretics (2014)		
Sulfasalazine	5-Aminosalicylic Acid Derivative			Hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide, methotrexate
Sulindac			Removed May 2014	
Sumatriptan	Antimigraine Agent; Serotonin 5-HT 1B/1D Receptor Agonist	Tryptans (2016)	2 "triptan" agents required, one must be sumatriptan	
Tamoxifen	Antineoplastic Agent, Estrogen Receptor Antagonist; Selective Estrogen Receptor Modulator			
Tamsulosin	Alpha1 Blocker	Alpha Blockers (2011)		Doxazosin, prazosin
Terazosin			Removed January 2012	
Tiotropium (Spiriva®)	Long-Acting Anticholinergic Agent	Spiriva (2011)	<i>*Branded product*</i>	Ipratropium
Topiramate	Anticonvulsant, Miscellaneous	Topiramate (2013)		Carbamazepine, divalproex, lamotrigine, levetiracetam, phenytoin
Trazodone		Insomnia (2015)	Removed October 2015	
Tretinoin, topical	Topical Skin Product, Acne	Acne (2013)	<i>*Any product*</i>	Clindamycin
Trospium	Antispasmodic Agent; Urinary	Overactive Bladder (2013)		Oxybutynin
Ulipristal	Contraceptive; Progestin Receptor Modulator			Levonorgestrel (Plan B One-Step®)
Vaccines, ACIP-recommended	Vaccines	Vaccine (2011)	All ACIP recommended vaccines for routine use in accordance with ACIP	
Varenicline	Partial Nicotine Agonist, Smoking Cessation Aid	Nicotine Dependence (2015)	REMS Guide	Bupropion, nicotine replacement therapy
Venlafaxine	Antidepressant, Serotonin/Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitor/Antagonist	SNRIs (2012)		Bupropion, fluoxetine, sertraline
Verapamil			Removed August 2014	
Vitamin D	Vitamin D analog	Vitamin D (2010)	<i>*Any product*</i>	
Warfarin	Anticoagulant; Vitamin K Antagonist	Newer Oral Anticoagulants (2013)		