

**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
Finasteride	5 Alpha-Reductase Inhibitor	5 Alpha-Reductase Inhibitor (2011)		
Sulfasalazine	5-Aminosalicylic Acid Derivative			Hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide, methotrexate
Donepezil	Acetylcholinesterase Inhibitor (Central)		5mg and 10mg strengths	
Tamsulosin	Alpha1 Blocker	Alpha Blockers (2011)		Doxazosin, prazosin
Doxazosin	Alpha1 Blocker; Antihypertensive	Alpha Antagonists (2011)		Prazosin, tamsulosin
Prazosin	Alpha1 Blocker; Antihypertensive	PTSD Indication (2012)		Doxazosin, tamsulosin
Lactulose	Ammonium Detoxicant; Osmotic Laxative	Cirrhosis & Complications (2015)		Laxative, osmotic
Acetaminophen	Analgesic, miscellaneous			
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
Isosorbide mononitrate	Antianginal Agent; Vasodilator			Nitroglycerin 0.4 milligrams, sublingual; nitroglycerin patch
Digoxin	Antiarrhythmic Agent, Miscellaneous; Cardiac Glycoside			
Warfarin	Anticoagulant; Vitamin K Antagonist	Newer Oral Anticoagulants (2013)		
Phenytoin	Anticonvulsant, Hydantoin	Antiepileptics (2014)		Carbamazepine, divalproex, lamotrigine, levetiracetam, topiramate
Carbamazepine	Anticonvulsant, Miscellaneous	Antiepileptics (2014)		Divalproex, lamotrigine, levetiracetam, phenytoin, topiramate
Divalproex	Anticonvulsant, Miscellaneous	ER Lithium & Divalproex (2012)		Carbamazepine, lamotrigine, levetiracetam, phenytoin, topiramate
Lamotrigine	Anticonvulsant, Miscellaneous	Antiepileptics (2014)		Carbamazepine, divalproex, levetiracetam, phenytoin, topiramate
Levetiracetam	Anticonvulsant, Miscellaneous	Antiepileptics (2014)		Carbamazepine, divalproex, lamotrigine, phenytoin, topiramate
Topiramate	Anticonvulsant, Miscellaneous	Topiramate (2013)		Carbamazepine, divalproex, lamotrigine, levetiracetam, phenytoin
Gabapentin	Anticonvulsant, Miscellaneous; GABA analog	Gabapentin & Pregabalin in Pain (2014)		
Bupropion	Antidepressant, Dopamine/Norepinephrine-Reuptake Inhibitor; Smoking Cessation Aid			Varenicline, nicotine replacement therapy
Sertraline	Antidepressant, Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor			Bupropion, fluoxetine, venlafaxine
Venlafaxine	Antidepressant, Serotonin/Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitor/Antagonist	SNRIs (2012)		Bupropion, fluoxetine, sertraline
Amitriptyline	Antidepressant, Tricyclic	Antidepressants in Pain Mgmt (2014)		Nortriptyline
Nortriptyline	Antidepressant, Tricyclic	Antidepressants in Pain Mgmt (2014)		Amitriptyline
Fluoxetine	Antidepressant; Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor			Bupropion, sertraline, venlafaxine
Metformin	Antidiabetic Agent; Biguanide			
Glipizide	Antidiabetic Agent; Sulfonylurea			
Glucagon	Antidote; Hypoglycemia		For outpatient use	
Naloxone	Antidote; Opioid Antagonist	Treatment of Opioid Overdose (2014)		Naltrexone
Naltrexone	Antidote; Opioid Antagonist	Alcohol Use Disorders (2015)		Naloxone
Allopurinol	Antigout Agent; Xanthine Oxidase Inhibitor			
Losartan	Antihypertensive, Angiotensin II Receptor Blocker	ARBs (2014)		
Lisinopril	Antihypertensive, Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme Inhibitor	ACE Inhibitors (2014)		
Carvedilol	Antihypertensive; Beta-Blocker with Alpha-Blocking Activity	Beta Blockers (2014)	Immediate release only	Atenolol, metoprolol, propranolol
Atenolol	Antihypertensive; Beta-Blocker, Beta1 selective	Beta Blockers (2014)		Carvedilol, metoprolol, propranolol
Metoprolol	Antihypertensive; Beta-Blocker, Beta1 Selective	Beta Blockers (2014)		Atenolol, carvedilol, propranolol
Propranolol	Antihypertensive; Beta-Blocker, non-selective	Beta Blockers (2014)		Atenolol, carvedilol, metoprolol
Amlodipine	Antihypertensive; Calcium Channel Blocker, Dihydropyridine	Calcium Channel Blockers (2014)		Diltiazem
Diltiazem	Antihypertensive; Calcium Channel Blocker, Nondihydropyridine	Calcium Channel Blockers (2014)		Amlodipine
Furosemide	Antihypertensive; Loop Diuretic	Diuretics (2014)		
Spirolactone	Antihypertensive; Potassium Sparing Diuretic; Mineralocorticoid Receptor Antagonists	Diuretics (2014)		
Chlorthalidone	Antihypertensive; Thiazide Diuretic	Chlorthalidone (2012)		Hydrochlorothiazide
Hydrochlorothiazide	Antihypertensive; Thiazide Diuretic	Diuretics (2014)		Chlorthalidone
Atorvastatin	Antilipemic Agent, HMG-CoA Reductase inhibitor	Dyslipidemia Guideline Review (2014)	ONLY 40mg to 80mg doses (high intensity statin to lower Idr-c ≥ 50%)	Pravastatin, rosuvastatin, simvastatin
Pravastatin	Antilipemic Agent, HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitor	Dyslipidemia Guideline Review (2014)		Atorvastatin, rosuvastatin, simvastatin
Rosuvastatin	Antilipemic Agent, HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitor	Hyperlipidemia (2017)		Atorvastatin, pravastatin, simvastatin
Simvastatin	Antilipemic Agent, HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitor	Dyslipidemia Guideline Review (2014)		Atorvastatin, pravastatin
Hydroxychloroquine	Antimalarial			Leflunomide, methotrexate, sulfasalazine
Lithium	Antimanic Agent	ER Lithium & Divalproex (2012)		
Serotonin 5-HT1 agonist (triptan)	Antimigraine Agent; Serotonin 5-HT 1B/1D Receptor Agonist	Triptans (2016)	2 "triptan" agents required, one must be sumatriptan	Sumatriptan
Sumatriptan	Antimigraine Agent; Serotonin 5-HT 1B/1D Receptor Agonist	Triptans (2016)	2 "triptan" agents required, one must be sumatriptan	
Anastrozole	Antineoplastic Agent, Aromatase Inhibitor			
Letrozole	Antineoplastic Agent, Aromatase Inhibitor			
Tamoxifen	Antineoplastic Agent, Estrogen Receptor Antagonist; Selective Estrogen Receptor Modulator			
Methotrexate	Antineoplastic Agent; Antirheumatic; Disease Modifying; Immunosuppressant Agent			Hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide, sulfasalazine
Clopidogrel	Antiplatelet Agent	Drug Interaction (2011)		Aspirin

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Aspirin	Antiplatelet Agent; Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug; Salicylate			Clopidogrel
Raltegravir (Isentress®)	Antiretroviral; Integrase Inhibitor		Post-Exposure Prophylaxis	
Emtricitabine/Tenofovir (Truvada®)	Antiretroviral; Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitor		Post-Exposure Prophylaxis REMS Guide	
Leflunomide	Antirheumatic, Disease Modifying	Non-biologic DMARDs (2016)		Hydroxychloroquine, methotrexate, sulfasalazine
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
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
Oxybutynin	Antispasmodic Agent, Urinary	Overactive Bladder (2013)		Trospium
Trospium	Antispasmodic Agent; Urinary	Overactive Bladder (2013)		Oxybutynin
Ethambutol	Antitubercular Agent			Isoniazid, pyrazinamide, rifampin, rifapentine
Isoniazid	Antitubercular Agent			Ethambutol, pyrazinamide, rifampin, rifapentine
Pyrazinamide	Antitubercular Agent			Ethambutol, isoniazid, rifampin, rifapentine
Rifampin	Antitubercular Agent			Ethambutol, isoniazid, pyrazinamide, rifapentine
Rifapentine	Antitubercular Agent	Rifapentine (2013)		Ethambutol, isoniazid, pyrazinamide, rifampin
Atypical antipsychotic	Atypical antipsychotic		*Any product*	
Clonazepam	Benzodiazepine	Alcohol Withdrawal Syndrome (2015)		Lorazepam
Lorazepam	Benzodiazepine	Alcohol Withdrawal Syndrome (2015)		Clonazepam
Albuterol (Proventil HFA®)	Beta2 agonist		*Branded product*	
Albuterol nebulized solution	Beta2 agonist			
Mometasone/Formoterol (Dulera®)	Beta2 agonist, Long-Acting; Corticosteroid, Inhalant		*Branded product*	Mometasone (Asmanex®)
Alendronate	Bisphosphonate Derivative			
Laxative, bulk-forming	Bulk-forming Laxative		*Any product*	
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)
Methylphenidate (immediate release)	Central Nervous System Stimulant		Pediatric use only	Methylphenidate (long-acting)
Methylphenidate (long-acting)	Central Nervous System Stimulant		Pediatric use only	Methylphenidate (immediate release)
			*Any product*	
Intrauterine Device, copper	Contraceptive		CFU for use by a skilled and privileged provider	Intrauterine Device, levonorgestrel
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)
Oral Contraceptive Pill, Monophasic: 30-35mcg EE (medium)	Contraceptive		*Any product*	Oral Contraceptive Pill, Monophasic: 20mcg EE (low)
Oral Contraceptive Pill, Progestin Only	Contraceptive		*Any product*	Etonogestrel, implant; Intrauterine Device, levonorgestrel
Oral Contraceptive Pill, Triphasic	Contraceptive		*Any product*	Oral Contraceptive Pill, Monophasics
Intrauterine Device, levonorgestrel	Contraceptive, Progestin		*Any product*	Intrauterine Device, copper
Levonorgestrel (Plan B One-Step®)	Contraceptive, Progestin	Indian Health Manual: Chap 15 (2015)	*Branded product*	Ulipristal
Medroxyprogesterone acetate, injection	Contraceptive, progestin (injection/depot)			Oral Contraceptive Pill, Progestin Only; medroxyprogesterone, oral
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*	Oral Contraceptive Pill, Progestin Only; Intrauterine Device, levonorgestrel
Medroxyprogesterone, oral	Contraceptive; Progestin	Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (2017)		Oral Contraceptive Pill, Progestin Only; medroxyprogesterone injection
Ulipristal	Contraceptive; Progestin Receptor Modulator			Levonorgestrel (Plan B One-Step®)
Mometasone (Asmanex®)	Corticosteroid, Inhalant		*Branded product*	Mometasone/Formoterol (Dulera®)
Prednisone	Corticosteroid, Systemic			
Calcium	Electrolyte supplement		*Any formulation*	
Conjugated equine estrogens, vaginal cream (Premarin®)	Estrogen Derivative	Premarin Vaginal Cream (2011)	*Branded product*	Estradiol tablets
Estradiol tablets	Estrogen Derivative	Estradiol (2010)		Conjugated equine estrogens, vaginal cream (Premarin®)
H1 Antagonist-2nd generation, long-acting	H1 Antagonist-2nd generation, long-acting		*Any product*	
Ranitidine	Histamine H2 Antagonist			
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 NPH / regular human insulin (NovoLIN® 70/30)	Insulin, Combination (70/30 Mix)		*Branded product*	Insulin aspart / insulin aspart protamine, NPH insulin
Insulin NPH (NovoLIN® N)	Insulin, Intermediate-Acting		*Branded product*	Insulin detemir
Insulin detemir (Levemir®)	Insulin, Long-Acting	Insulins (2015)	Pen Device	NPH insulin
Insulin aspart (NovoLog®)	Insulin, Rapid-Acting	Insulins (2015)	Pen Device	Regular insulin
Insulin, Regular human (NovoLIN® R)	Insulin, Short-Acting		*Branded product*	Insulin aspart
Intranasal corticosteroid	Intranasal corticosteroid		*Any product*	
Iron, oral	Iron Salt	Hematologic Supplements (2016)	*Any oral formulation*	
Montelukast	Leukotriene Receptor Antagonist			
Tiotropium (Spiriva®)	Long-Acting Anticholinergic Agent	Spiriva (2011)	*Branded product*	Ipratropium
Low-molecular weight heparin	Low-molecular weight heparin	VTE Prophylaxis (2011)	*Any product*	
Diclofenac	Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drug	NSAIDs (2014)	*Any formulation*	Ibuprofen, indomethacin, meloxicam, naproxen
Ibuprofen	Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drug	NSAIDs (2014)		Diclofenac, indomethacin, meloxicam, naproxen
Indomethacin	Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drug	NSAIDs (2014)		Diclofenac, ibuprofen, meloxicam, naproxen
Meloxicam	Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drug	NSAIDs (2014)		Diclofenac, ibuprofen, indomethacin, naproxen

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Naproxen	Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drug	<a href="#">NSAIDs (2014)</a>		Diclofenac, ibuprofen, indomethacin, naproxen
Fluoride, oral	Nutritional Supplement	<a href="#">Supplements in Oral Health (2016)</a>	*Any oral formulation*	
Ophthalmic Prostaglandin Analogue	Ophthalmic Prostaglandin Analogue	<a href="#">Ophthalmic Prostaglandin (2011)</a>	*Any product*	
Laxative, osmotic	Osmotic Laxative		*Any product*	Lactulose
Varenicline	Partial Nicotine Agonist, Smoking Cessation Aid	<a href="#">Nicotine Dependence (2015)</a>	<a href="#">REMS Guide</a>  *Branded product* For patients on dialysis that cannot use calcium based phosphate binders due to hypercalcemia	Bupropion, nicotine replacement therapy
Sevelamer (Renvela*)	Phosphate Binder	<a href="#">Phosphate Binder (2010)</a>		
Proton Pump Inhibitor	Proton Pump Inhibitor	<a href="#">Proton Pump Inhibitors (2014)</a>	*Any product*	
Salsalate	Salicylate			
Nicotine Replacement Therapy, combination	Smoking Cessation Aid	<a href="#">Nicotine Dependence (2015)</a>	<i>Combination NRT= nicotine patches + any 1 short-acting NRT product</i> *Any product*	Varenicline, bupropion
Laxative, stimulant	Stimulant Laxative			
Levothyroxine	Thyroid Agent			
Corticosteroid topical (Intermediate potency)	Topical Corticosteroids		*Any product*	Corticosteroid topical (low potency)
Corticosteroid topical (low potency)	Topical Corticosteroids		*Any product*	Corticosteroid topical (Intermediate potency)
Tretinoin, topical	Topical Skin Product, Acne	<a href="#">Acne (2013)</a>	*Any product*	Clindamycin
Clindamycin, topical	Topical Skin Product, Acne (Lincosamide Antibiotic)	<a href="#">Acne (2013)</a>	*Any product*	Tretinoin
Vaccines, ACIP-recommended	Vaccines	<a href="#">Vaccine (2011)</a>	All ACIP recommended vaccines for routine use in accordance with ACIP	
Vitamin D	Vitamin D analog	<a href="#">Vitamin D (2010)</a>	*Any product*	
Cyanocobalamin (vitamin B12), oral	Vitamin, Water Soluble	<a href="#">Hematologic Supplements (2016)</a>		
Folic Acid	Vitamin, Water Soluble	<a href="#">Supplements in Womens Health (2016)</a>	Any product containing ≥ 400 mcg / daily dose	
Pyridoxine (vitamin B6)	Vitamin, Water Soluble	<a href="#">Obstetric Supplements (2016)</a>		
Angiotensin Receptor Blocker			Removed April 2012	
Dedicated Emergency Contraceptive			Removed September 2013	
Fibric Acid Derivative		<a href="#">Hyperlipidemia (2017)</a>	Removed February 2017	
Fluticasone/Salmeterol (Advair*)			Removed October 2012	
Gemfibrozil			Removed February 2014	
Glyburide			Removed May 2015	
Imipramine			Removed May 2014	
Ipratropium, MDI		<a href="#">COPD inhalers (2015)</a>	Removed August 2015	
Isosorbide dinitrate			Removed August 2013	
Lopinavir/Ritonavir (Kaletra*)			Removed August 2013	
Lovastatin			Removed April 2012	
Niacin extended release (Niaspan*)		<a href="#">Hyperlipidemia (2017)</a>	Removed February 2017	
Nifedipine (controlled or extended release)			Removed August 2014	
Omeprazole (enteric coated)			Removed February 2014	
Pioglitazone			Removed February 2010	
Salmeterol (Serevent*)			Removed September 2011	
Sulindac			Removed May 2014	
Terazosin			Removed January 2012	
Trazodone		<a href="#">Insomnia (2015)</a>	Removed October 2015	
Verapamil			Removed August 2014	