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Preferred Drug List – Disease Base



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Disease Base Formulary

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Oral forms of drugs indicated with as a "Tier 1" are considered "First Line" aka Basic Formulary Medications

Drugs indicated as a "Tier 2" are considered "Second Line" aka Basic Tier 2 Formulary Medications

Drugs indicated as a "Tier 3" are considered "Limited Use" and requires Prior Authorization

Tier 1D, 2D, and 3D= Disease Directed Use Only. ODT: Orally Disintegrating Tab

DISEASE STATES

Alzheimers

Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Donepezil	Aricept Tablet: 5, 10, 23 mg (BRAND) ODT: 5, 10 mg	5 mg daily	23 mg	Limited, if any, efficacy in hospice patients due to end-stage severity of the disease	\$8	Tier 3D
Galantamine	Razadyne, Razadyne ER Tablet: 4, 8, 12 mg Capsule, ER: 8, 16, 24 mg Solution, oral: 4 mg/mL	16-24 mg daily	24 mg 16 mg (renal/hepatic)	Limited, if any efficacy in hospice patients Give w/ food Creatinine Clearance (CrCl) <9 ml/min: avoid use	\$6	Tier 3D
Memantine	Namenda Tablet: 5, 10 mg Solution, oral: 2 mg/mL	10 mg BID	20 mg	Limited, if any efficacy in hospice patients CrCl 5-29: max 5 mg PO bid CrCl <5: not defined	\$9	Tier 3D
Rivastigmine	Exelon Capsule: 1.5, 3, 4.5, 6 mg Solution, oral (BRAND): 2 mg/mL	1.5 mg BID	12 mg	Incr. 1.5 mg/dose q2wk as tolerated Give w/food; retitrate from 1.5 mg BID if tx interrupted more than several days	\$7	Tier 3D

Cancer

Pancreatic Enzymes	Pancrease, Creon Various	1-3 caps with meals		Subcategory: Pancreatic cancer Helps with steatorrhea Do not cut/crush/chew; may open caps and sprinkle on soft food w/ pH 4.5 or less	\$5-\$15	Tier 1D
Warfarin	Coumadin Tablet: 1, 2, 2.5, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.5, 10 mg	Individualized	Based upon INR level	Subcategory: Cancer with PE/DVT (not pre-existing) Requires monitoring by INR. Discontinue when oral intake declines	\$1	Tier 1D
Calcitonin	Miacalcin Nasal spray 200 units/ACT	1 spray each nostril daily	2 sprays	Subcategory: Bone cancer/metastases For bone pain	\$4	Tier 2D

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Finasteride	Proscar Tablet: 5 mg	5 mg daily	5 mg	Subcategory: Prostate cancer Women of child-bearing age should not touch broken tabs	\$2	Tier 2D
Phytonadione (Tablet only)	Mephyton Tablet: 5 mg	2.5-25 mg daily PRN, PO only	25 mg/dose	Subcategory: Cancer with PE/DVT (not pre-existing) Dosage based upon INR	¢	Tier 2D
Tamsulosin	Flomax Capsule: 0.4 mg	0.4 mg daily	0.8 mg	Subcategory: Prostate cancer Take 30 mins after meal; Swallow whole	\$5	Tier 2D
Enoxaparin	Lovenox Syringe: 30, 40, 60, 100, 150, 300 mg	Prophylaxis: 30 mg subcut Q12hr Treatment: 1 mg/kg Q12hr		Subcategory: Cancer with PE/DVT (not pre-existing) Does not Require Monitoring INR Monitor CBC & Platelets	\$5-\$7	Tier 3D

Cardiac

Amiloride	Midamor Tablet: 5 mg	5-10 mg daily	20 mg	Give with food. Renal impairment/Cr >1.5: contraindicated	\$1-\$3	Tier 1D
Amiodarone	Cordarone Tablet: 200 mg, 400 mg	200-1600 mg	1600 mg	Very long half-life. Discontinue once diagnosis less than 1 month. Use in caution in patients on methadone. Give with meals	\$	Tier 1D
Amlodipine	Norvasc Tablet: 2.5, 5, 10 mg	5-10 mg daily	10 mg	Subcategory: Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) , Ischemic Heart Disease Therapeutic Class: Calcium channel blocker May cause constipation	\$1-\$3	Tier 1D
Amlodipine/Benazepril	Lotrel Capsule: 2.5/10, 5/10, 5/20, 5/40, 10/20, 10 mg/40 mg	1 capsule daily	10 mg/80 mg	Not for initial treatment. May increase dose Qweek.	\$3	Tier 1D
Aspirin	Aspirin Tablet: 81, 325, 500, 650 mg Supp: 300, 600 mg	325-650 mg Q4hr PRN	4000 mg	Monitor for antiplatelet effects	¢	Tier 1
Atenolol	Tenormin Tablet: 25, 50, 100 mg	50-100 mg daily	100 mg	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Ischemic Heart Disease, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Severe Aortic Stenosis w/Angina Therapeutic Class: Beta Blocker May mask symptoms of hypoglycemia	\$1	Tier 1D

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Benazepril	Lotensin Tablet: 5, 10, 20, 40 mg	5-20 mg daily	80 mg	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Severe Aortic Stenosis Therapeutic Class: Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitors Requires renal dosing. Use lower dose if also on diuretics.	\$1	Tier 1D
Bisoprolol	Zebeta Tablet: 5, 10 mg	5-20 mg daily	20 mg	Subcategory: Ischemic Heart Disease, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Severe Aortic Stenosis w/Angina Therapeutic Class: Beta Blocker May mask symptoms of hypoglycemia	\$1-\$2	Tier 1D
Bumetanide	Bumex Tablet: 0.5, 1, 2 mg	0.5-10 mg/day daily BID	10 mg	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Severe Aortic Stenosis w/CHF Therapeutic Class: Diuretics (loop) Monitor for hypokalemia; administer last dose before 4pm	¢	Tier 1
Candesartan	Atacand Tablet: 4, 8, 16, 32 mg	4-32 mg daily	32 mg	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Severe Aortic Stenosis Therapeutic Class: Angiotensin II Receptor Blockers (ARBs) – If intolerant to ACE Inhibitors Dizziness/headache, monitor signs/symptoms of hypotension.	\$4	Tier 1D
Captopril	Capoten Tablet: 12.5, 25, 50, 100 mg	50 mg TID	450 mg	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Severe Aortic Stenosis Therapeutic Class: Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitors Short acting ACE Inhibitor. Must be titrated slowly.	¢	Tier 1D
Carvedilol	Coreg, Coreg CR Tablet: 3.125, 6.25, 12.5, 25 mg Capsule, CR (BRAND): 10, 20, 40, 80 mg	3.125-25 mg BID	50 mg	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Ischemic Heart Disease, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Severe Aortic Stenosis w/Angina Therapeutic Class: Beta Blocker May mask symptoms of hypoglycemia, take with food.	\$3 CR: \$7	Tier 1D CR: Tier 3D

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Clonidine	Catapres Tablet: 0.1, 0.2, 0.3 mg Transdermal Patch: 0.1, 0.2, 0.3 mg/24h patch	0.1-0.8 mg/day divided into 2 doses	2.4 mg	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) Therapeutic Class: Alpha 2 Agonist Do not suddenly d/c drug as rebound hypertension may occur	¢ Patch: \$14	Tier 1D Patch: Tier 3D
Digoxin	Lanoxin Tablet: 0.125, 0.25 mg Elixer: 50 mcg/mL	0.125-1.25 mg daily		Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Severe Aortic Stenosis w/CHF Therapeutic Class: Cardiac glycoside Monitor signs/symptoms bradycardia, maintenance doses after morning	¢	Tier 1D
Diltiazem	Cardizem, Cardizem CD, LA, Cartia XT, Dilt-CD, Diltia XT Tablet: 30, 60, 90, 120 mg Tablet, 24HR ER: 180, 240, 300, 360, 420 mg Capsule, 12HR ER: 60, 90, 120 mg Capsule, 24HR ER: 120, 180, 240, 300, 360, 420 mg	30-90 mg PO QID	360 mg	Subcategory: Ischemic Heart Disease, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) Therapeutic Class: Calcium Channel Blocker May cause constipation	\$1-\$2	Tier 1D
Doxazosin	Cardura Tablet: 1, 2, 4, 8 mg	1-16 mg	16 mg	May cause orthostatic hypotension. Syncope or loss of consciousness is possible with first dose or dose.	\$1	Tier 1D
Enalapril	Vasotec Tablet: 2.5, 5, 10, 20 mg	5-40 mg daily in 2 divided doses	40 mg	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Severe Aortic Stenosis Therapeutic Class: Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitors Monitor for signs/symptoms of angioedema. Cough common.	\$2	Tier 1D
Felodipine	Plendil Tablet, ER: 2.5, 5, 10 mg	2.5-20 mg daily	10 mg	Subcategory: Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) Therapeutic Class: Calcium Channel Blocker May cause peripheral edema	\$2	Tier 1D
Fosinopril	Monopril Tablet: 10, 20, 40 mg	5-80 mg	80 mg	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Severe Aortic Stenosis Therapeutic Class: Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitors Monitor for ACE inhibitor induced cough	\$1	Tier 1D

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Furosemide	Lasix Tablet: 20, 40, 80 mg Solution, oral: 10 mg/mL, 40 mg/5 mL	10-160 mg daily-BID	600 mg	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Severe Aortic Stenosis w/CHF, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) Therapeutic Class: Diuretics (loop) Monitor for hypokalemia Anuria: contraindicated	¢	Tier 1
Hydralazine	Apresoline Tablet: 10, 25, 50, 100 mg	10-300 mg	300 mg	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) Therapeutic Class: Alpha 1 Blocker Monitor for postural hypotension CrCl 10-50: give q8h; CrCl <10: give q8-16h	\$2	Tier 1D
Hydrochlorothiazide	Microzide, Hydrodiuril Tablet: 25, 50 mg Capsule: 12.5 mg	12.5-50 mg daily	200 mg	Subcategory: Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Severe Aortic Stenosis w/CHF, Congestive Heart Failure Therapeutic Class: Diuretics (thiazide) Anuria: contraindicated	\$1	Tier 1
Irbesartan	Avapro Tablet: 75 mg, 150 mg, 300 mg	75-300 mg daily	300 mg	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Severe Aortic Stenosis Therapeutic Class: Angiotensin II Receptor Blockers (ARBs) – If intolerant to ACE Inhibitors Monitor for potassium retention and hypotension	\$1	Tier 1D
Isosorbide Dinitrate	Isordil Tablet, ER: 5, 10, 20, 30, 40 mg Tablet, SL: 2.5, 5 mg	2.5-240 mg	480 mg 160 mg ER	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Ischemic Heart Disease, Severe Aortic Stenosis w/CHF Therapeutic Class: Nitrates Short acting vasodilator. Monitor for postural hypotension.	¢	Tier 1D
Isosorbide Mononitrate	Imdur Tablet: 10, 20 mg Tablet, ER: 30, 60, 120 mg	10 mg BID	40 mg 240 mg ER	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Ischemic Heart Disease, Severe Aortic Stenosis w/CHF Therapeutic Class: Nitrates Long acting vasodilator. Monitor for hypotension	\$1	Tier 1D
Labetalol	Trandate, Normodyne Tablet: 100, 200, 300 mg	200-400 mg BID	2400 mg	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Ischemic Heart Disease, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Severe Aortic Stenosis w/Angina Therapeutic Class: Beta Blocker May mask symptoms of hypoglycemia.	\$1	Tier 1D

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Lisinopril	Prinivil, Zestril Tablet: 2.5, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40 mg	10-40 mg daily	80 mg 40 mg (renal)	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Severe Aortic Stenosis Therapeutic Class: Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitors Monitor for cough and postural hypotension	\$1	Tier 1D
Losartan	Cozaar Tablet: 25, 50, 100 mg	25-100 mg in 1-2 divided doses	100 mg	Subcategory: Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Congestive Heart Failure, Severe Aortic Stenosis Therapeutic Class: Angiotensin II Receptor Blockers (ARBs) – If intolerant to ACE Inhibitors Monitor for potassium retention	\$2-\$3	Tier 1D
Metolazone	Zaroxolyn Tablet: 2.5, 5, 10 mg	2.5-20 mg daily	20 mg	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Severe Aortic Stenosis w/CHF Therapeutic Class: Diuretics (thiazide) Not a potent diuretic alone; used in conjunction with Lasix or Bumex; administer 30min prior to dose of Lasix or Bumex	\$2	Tier 1
Metoprolol	Lopressor, Toprol XL Tablet, as tartrate: 25, 50, 100 mg Tablet, as succinate, XL: 25, 50, 100, 200 mg	50-200 mg BID	450 mg 400 mg XL	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Ischemic Heart Disease, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Severe Aortic Stenosis w/Angina Therapeutic Class: Beta Blocker Sudden discontinuation can cause rebound angina. Monitor for hypotension.	\$1-\$2	Tier 1D
Nadolol	Corgard Tablet: 20, 40, 80, 160 mg	20-320 mg daily	320 mg	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Ischemic Heart Disease, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Severe Aortic Stenosis w/Angina Therapeutic Class: Beta Blocker Long acting beta blocker. Monitor for hypokalemia.	\$1	Tier 1D
Nicardipine	Cardene Capsule: 20, 30 mg	20-40 mg TID	120 mg	Subcategory: Ischemic Heart Disease, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) Therapeutic Class: Calcium Channel Blocker Can cause peripheral edema and constipation	\$3	Tier 1D
Nifedipine	Procardia, Adalat Capsule: 10, 20 mg Tablet, ER: 30, 60, 90 mg	IR: 10-20 mg TID ER: 30- 90 mg daily	IR: 180 mg ER: 90 mg	Subcategory: Ischemic Heart Disease, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) Therapeutic Class: Calcium Channel Blocker Take ER tablets on empty stomach. May cause constipation.	\$2	Tier 1D

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Nitroglycerin Ointment	Nitro-Bid Topical: 2%	0.5-2 inch Q4-6h	2-5 inch Q4hr	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Ischemic Heart Disease, Severe Aortic Stenosis w/CHF Therapeutic Class: Nitrates Increase 0.5inch PRN. Include 10-12h nitrate free interval	\$2-\$4	Tier 1D
Nitroglycerin Patch	Nitro-Dur Transdermal Patch: 0.1, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6 mg/hr	0.1-0.6 mg/hr	0.6 mg/hr	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Ischemic Heart Disease, Severe Aortic Stenosis w/CHF Therapeutic Class: Nitrates Increase 0.5inch PRN. Include 10-12h nitrate free interval	\$2-\$4	Tier 1D
Nitroglycerin Sublingual	Nitrostat, NitroMIST Tablet: 0.3, 0.4, 0.6 mg Spray: 0.4 mg/actuation	0.3-0.6 mg Q5 min	3 doses in 15 min	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Ischemic Heart Disease, Severe Aortic Stenosis w/CHF Therapeutic Class: Nitrates Store tablets in original glass container and away from moisture and light	\$2	Tier 1D
Potassium Chloride	KDur, Klor-Con Capsule, XR: 8, 10 meq Tablet, ER: 8, 10, 15, 20 meq Solution, oral: 20, 40 meq/15 mL	20 meq 2-5X daily	100 meq	May cause diarrhea, nausea vomiting or abdominal pain	\$1	Tier 1
Propafenone	Rythmol Tablet: 150, 225, 300 mg Capsule, ER: 225, 325, 425 mg	150 mg TID	900 mg	May cause bradycardia. Use with caution in patients taking methadone. Hepatic impairment: decr. dose 70-80%	\$2	Tier 1D
Propranolol	Inderal Tablet: 10, 20, 40, 60, 80 mg Capsule, LA: 60, 80, 120, 160 mg Solution, oral: 20, 40 mg/5 mL	80-240 mg BID	HTN: 640 mg Angina: 320 mg	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure Therapeutic Class: Beta Blocker Effective also for myoclonus.	\$1	Tier 1D
Quinapril	Accupril Tablet: 5, 10, 20 40 mg	20-80 mg daily	HTN: 80 mg CHF: 40 mg	Long acting ACE inhibitor. Cough side effect is common	\$1-\$2	Tier 1D

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Ramipril	Altace Capsule: 1.25, 2.5, 5, 10 mg	5 mg BID	20 mg 5 mg (renal)	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Severe Aortic Stenosis Therapeutic Class: Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitors Increase dose Q3 weeks to target dose. CrCl <40: max 5mg/day	\$3	Tier 1D
Spirolactone	Aldactone Tablet: 25, 50, 100 mg	20-200 mg daily	400 mg	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Severe Aortic Stenosis w/CHF, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) Therapeutic Class: Diuretics (potassium sparing) Especially useful with ascites prevents third spacing; may cause constipation and hypotension CrCl <10: contraindicated; anuria, acute renal impairment: contraindicated	\$1	Tier 1
Terazosin	Hytrin Capsule: 1, 2, 5, 10 mg	1-5 mg QHS	20 mg	First dose hypotension side effect; give QHS only	\$2	Tier 1D
Torsemide	Demadex Tablet: 5, 10, 20, 100 mg	10-200 mg daily	200 mg	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Severe Aortic Stenosis w/CHF Therapeutic Class: Diuretics (thiazide) May cause hypokalemia.	\$1-\$3	Tier 1D
Triamterene/HCTZ	Maxzide/Dyazide Tablet: 25/37.5, 50/75 mg Capsule: 25/37.5 mg	25 mg/37.5 mg daily	50/75 mg	Triamterene is a potassium sparing diuretic	¢	Tier 1
Valsartan	Diovan Tablet: 40, 80, 160, 320 mg	HTN: 80-320 mg daily CHF: 80-160 mg daily	320 mg	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Severe Aortic Stenosis Therapeutic Class: Angiotensin II Receptor Blockers (ARBs) – If intolerant to ACE Inhibitors May be made into a suspension for patients unable to swallow	\$5	Tier 1D
Verapamil	Calan, Verelan Tablet IR: 40, 80, 120 mg Tablet, ER (12h): 120, 180, 240 mg Capsule, ER (24h): 120, 180, 240, 360 mg Capsule, ER (24h PM): 100, 200, 300 mg	240-320 mg 3-4 x day Divide dose BID if >240 mg daily	480 mg	Subcategory: Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Ischemic Heart Disease Therapeutic Class: Calcium Channel Blocker Divide dose BID if >240 mg/day. Do not crush ER tablets. Hepatic impairment: decr. dose 70%; Consider alternate dosage form instead of ER	\$2-\$3	Tier 1D

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Warfarin	Coumadin Tablet: 1, 2, 2.5, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.5, 10 mg	Individualized	Based upon INR level	Subcategory: Cancer with PE/DVT (not pre-existing) Requires monitoring by INR. Discontinue when oral intake declines	\$1	Tier 1D
Isradipine	Dynacirc Capsule: 2.5, 5 mg	2.5-5 mg BID	10 mg	Subcategory: Ischemic Heart Disease, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) Therapeutic Class: Calcium Channel Blocker May cause constipation and peripheral edema	\$3-\$5	Tier 2D
Olmesartan	Benicar Tablet: 5, 20, 40 mg	5-40 mg daily	40 mg	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Severe Aortic Stenosis Therapeutic Class: Angiotensin II Receptor Blockers (ARBs) – If intolerant to ACE Inhibitors May cause potassium retention and hypotension.	\$4	Tier 2D
Phytonadione (Tablet only)	Mephyton Tablet: 5 mg	2.5-25 mg daily PRN, PO only	25 mg/dose	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure - Other Dosage based upon INR	¢	Tier 2D
Telmisartan	Micardis Tablet: 20, 40, 80 mg	20-80 mg daily	160 mg	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Severe Aortic Stenosis Therapeutic Class: Angiotensin II Receptor Blockers (ARBs) – If intolerant to ACE Inhibitors	\$5	Tier 2D
Clopidogrel	Plavix Tablet: 75, 300 mg	75 mg daily	75 mg	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure – Other Therapeutic Class: Antiplatelet Non-preferred	\$7	Tier 3D

Pulmonary Disease

Albuterol	Proventil, Ventolin Neb: 2.5 mg/3 mL (0.083%), 5 mg/mL (0.5%) MDI: 90 mcg/spray	Neb: 1 vial via neb q1-4h prn MDI: 2 puffs Q4-6h prn	Neb: 10 mg MDI: 12 puffs	Subcategory: COPD (Obstructive), Other (Restrictive/Neoplastic) Monitor for agitation May be used to treat hyperkalemia	\$3	Tier 1
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Ipratropium	Atrovent Neb: 0.5 mg/2.5ml (0.02%) MDI: 17 mcg/spray	Neb: 1 vial via neb Q6-8h prn MDI: 2 puffs inh QID	Neb: 6 doses MDI: 12 puffs	Subcategory: COPD (Obstructive) Neb mixed with albuterol neb is stable for 1 hour.	\$5 MDI: \$12	Neb: Tier 1 MDI: Tier 3D
Ipratropium/ Albuterol	Duoneb, Combivent Neb: 0.5 mg/2.5 mg/3 mL MDI: 18 mcg/90 mcg/spray	Neb: 3 mL inh QID MDI: 1-2 puffs inh QID	Neb: 6 doses MDI: 12 puffs	Subcategory: COPD (Obstructive), Other (Restrictive/Neoplastic)	\$6 MDI: \$14	Neb: Tier 1D MDI: Tier 3D
NaCl 0.9% sterile for inhalation	Bronchosaline Neb: 0.9%	3 ml Q4h PRN	150 meq	Subcategory: COPD (Obstructive) Fluid intake is encouraged	\$1	Tier 1
Theophylline	Theo-Dur Tablet, CR: 400, 600 mg Capsule, ER: 100, 200, 300, 400 mg Elixir: 80 mg/15 ml	200 mg BID	600 mg	Geriatric goal serum concentration is 5-7 mcg/ml	\$1	Tier 1D
Beclomethasone	Qvar MDI: 40, 80 mcg/spray	1-4 puffs inh Q12h	640 mcg	Subcategory: COPD (Obstructive)	\$8-\$11	Tier 2D
Arformoterol	Brovana Neb: 15 mcg/2 mL	2 mL via neb Q12h	30 mcg	Subcategory: COPD (Obstructive) Long Acting Beta2 Agonist.	\$17	Tier 3D
Fluticasone	Flovent DPI: 100, 250 mcg/blister MDI: 40, 110, 220 mcg/spray	DPI: 1-2 puffs inh Q12h MDI: 2 puffs inh Q12h	DPI: 1000 mcg MDI: 880 mcg	Subcategory: COPD (Obstructive) Inhaled steroid: Rinse mouth after use	\$11	Tier 3D
Fluticasone/ Salmeterol	Advair Diskus, HFA DPI: 100/50, 250/50, 500/50 mcg/blister MDI: 45/21, 115/21, 230/21 mcg	1 puff inh Q12h	500/50 1 puff BID	Subcategory: COPD (Obstructive) Inhaled steroid: Rinse mouth after use Not for acute attacks; dosage for COPD	\$14-\$22	Tier 3D
Formoterol	Perforomist, Foradil Neb: 20 mcg/2 mL DPI: 12 mcg/cap	Neb: 2 mL via neb inh Q12h DPI: 1 cap inh q12h	Neb: 40 mcg DPI: 2 caps	Subcategory: COPD (Obstructive) Long acting Beta2 agonist	\$16	Tier 3D

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Levalbuterol	Xopenex, HFA Neb: 0.31, 0.63 (0.021%), 1.25 mg/3 mL (0.042%) MDI: 45 mcg/spray	Neb: 1-2 vials via neb TID prn MDI: 2 puffs inh q4-6h prn	Neb: 6 vials MDI: 12 puffs	Subcategory: COPD (Obstructive)	Neb: \$8 Inhaler: \$2	Tier 3D
Salmeterol	Serevent Diskus DPI: 50 mcg/blister	1 puff inh Q12h	50 mcg inh Q12h	Subcategory: COPD (Obstructive) Long acting Beta2 Agonist	\$13	Tier 3D
Tiotropium	Spiriva MDI: 1.25, 2.5mcg/actuation DPI: 18 mcg	1 cap inh daily	1 inhalation	Avoid combination with Combivent or DuoNeb	\$18	Tier 3D

Hepatic Disease

Bumetanide	Bumex Tablet: 0.5, 1, 2 mg	0.5-10 mg/day daily BID	10 mg	Monitor for hypokalemia; administer last dose before 4pm	¢-\$1	Tier 1
Cholestyramine	Questran Powder, pkt: 4 g cholestyramine/9 g powder Powder, scoop: 4 g cholestyramine/9 g powder	4 g 1-4x daily	24 g	Dissolved in juice or water; promotes formed stools; useful in C.diff	\$2- \$6	Tier 1D
Furosemide	Lasix Tablet: 20, 40, 80 mg Solution, oral: 10 mg/mL, 40 mg/5 mL	10-160 mg daily-BID	600 mg	Monitor for hypokalemia Anuria: contraindicated	¢	Tier 1
Metolazone	Zaroxolyn Tablet: 2.5, 5, 10 mg	2.5-20 mg daily	20 mg	Not a potent diuretic alone; used in conjunction with Lasix or Bumex; administer 30min prior to dose of Lasix or Bumex	\$1	Tier 1
Spirolactone	Aldactone Tablet: 25, 50, 100 mg	20-200 mg daily	400 mg	Potassium sparing, especially useful with ascites or CHF, prevents third spacing; may cause constipation and hypotension CrCl < 10: contraindicated; anuria, acute renal impairment: contraindicated	\$1	Tier 1
Torseamide	Demadex Tablet: 5, 10, 20, 100 mg	10-200 mg daily	200 mg	Thiazide diuretic. May cause hypokalemia.	\$1-\$3	Tier 1

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Lactulose	Enulose, Kristalose Solution, oral: 10 g/15 mL Pwdr Pkt (BRAND): 10 g/packet (30s), 20 g/packet (30s)	15-30 mL daily BID	60 mL (constipation)	Reserve for patients with high ammonia levels	\$3	Tier 2
Neomycin	Neo-Fradin Tablet: 500 mg	1000 – 3000 mg PO q6h x 5-6 days	12000 mg	Renal impairment: Decrease dose	\$10-\$30	Tier 2D
Aminocaproic acid	Amicar Tablet: 500, 1000 mg	1-3 g Q6hr	30 gm	May give loading dose	\$32-\$64	Tier 3D
Rifaximin	Xifaxan Tablet (BRAND): 200, 550 mg	550 mg PO BID	1100 mg	Reduces urease-producing bacterial flora, decreasing ammonia production	\$50	Tier 3D

Parkinson's Disease

Amantadine	Symmetrel Capsule: 100 mg Tablet: 100 mg Syrup: 50 mg/5 ml	100 mg BID	400 mg	Anticholinergic side effects CrCl 30-50: 200 mg x1, then 100 mg qday; CrCl 15-29: 200 mg x1, then 100 mg q48h; CrCl <15: 200 mg q7 days	\$2	Tier 1D
Benzotropine	Cogentin Tablet: 0.5, 1, 2 mg	1 mg BID	6 mg 4 mg (elderly)	Anticholinergic side effects	\$1	Tier 1
Bromocriptine	Parlodel Tablet: 2.5 mg Capsule: 5 mg	2.5 mg daily	100 mg	Give with food	\$3	Tier 1D
Carbidopa/ Levodopa	Sinemet Tablet: 10/100, 25/100, 25/250 Tablet, ER: 25/100, 50/200	25/100 TID	200/2000	Dyskinesia side effects CrCl <50: decr. dose 0-50%	\$2-\$4	Tier 1D
Selegiline	Eldepryl Capsule: 5 mg Tablet: 5 mg	5 mg BID	10 mg	Give w/ breakfast and lunch	\$4-\$5	Tier 1D

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Entacapone	Comtan Tablet: 200 mg	200 mg 4x daily	1600 mg	Give with levo/carbidopa dose	\$7-\$15	Tier 2D
Levodopa, Carbidopa and Entacapone	Stalevo 50: Levodopa 50 mg, carbidopa 12.5 mg, and entacapone 200 mg 75: Levodopa 75 mg, carbidopa 18.75 mg, and entacapone 200 mg 100: Levodopa 100 mg, carbidopa 25 mg, and entacapone 200 mg 125: Levodopa 125 mg, carbidopa 31.25 mg, and entacapone 200 mg 150: Levodopa 150 mg, carbidopa 37.5 mg, and entacapone 200 mg 200: Levodopa 200 mg, carbidopa 50 mg, and entacapone 200 mg	Based on therapeutic response	8 tabs (6 tabs of 200 strength)	Swallow tablet whole; do not crush, chew or break. Separate dosing from iron supplements and multivitamins with minerals	\$12-\$20	Tier 2D
Pramipexole	Mirapex Tablet: 0.125, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1, 1.5 mg Tablet, ER (BRAND): 0.375, 0.75, 1.5, 3, 4.5 mg	0.125 mg TID	4.5 mg	Only adjust dosage Q5days CrCl 35-59: start 0.125 mg bid, max 1.5 mg bid; CrCl 15-34: start 0.125 mg qday, max 1.5 mg qday; CrCl <15: not defined	\$6-\$9 ER: \$11	Tier 2D ER Tablet: Tier 3D
Quetiapine	Seroquel, Seroquel XR Tablet: 25, 50, 100, 200, 300, 400 mg Tablet, XR: 50, 150, 200, 300, 400 mg	25-50 mg Q8-12h	800 mg	Preferred in Parkinson's disease	\$7 XR: \$6-\$12	IR: Tier 2 XR: Tier 3
Ropinirole	Requip Tablet: 0.25, 0.5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 mg Tablet, ER: 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12 mg	3-6 mg TID	24 mg	Give with food	\$8-\$15 ER: \$2-\$10	Tier 2D ER Tablet: Tier 3D

Renal Disease

Cholestyramine	Questran Powder, pkt: 4 g cholestyramine/9 g powder Powder, scoop: 4 g cholestyramine/9 g powder	4 g 1-4x daily	24 g	Dissolved in juice or water; promotes formed stools; useful in C.diff	\$2-\$6	Tier 1
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Generic	Brand/Available Forms* <small>Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.</small>	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Methadone (CII)	Dolophine Solution, oral, as hydrochloride: 5 mg/5 mL; 10 mg/5 mL Tablet: 5, 10mg	Individualized	N/A	Excellent for nociceptive and neuropathic pain and for patients with renal or hepatic impairment; call clinical pharmacist for dosage	¢	Tier 1
Paroxetine	Paxil Tablet: 10, 20, 30, 40 mg Tablet, ER: 12.5, 25, 37.5 mg Suspension: 10 mg/5 mL	10-40 mg daily	50 mg 40 mg (elderly, renal/hepatic)	Useful if renal, opioid, or hepatic induced itch	\$2	Tier 1
Epoetin	Procrit, Epogen Injection: 2000-10000 units/ml	50-100 units/kg 3x/wk	1500 units/kg 3x /week	Monitor for thrombotic side effects	\$3-\$52	Tier 3D
Oxycodone SR (CII)	Oxycontin Tablet, ER/CR: 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 60, 80 mg	Dosed Q12h	N/A	DO NOT CRUSH; non-preferred	\$4-\$28	Tier 3

SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT

Anorexia

Dexamethasone	Decadron Solution, oral: 1 mg/mL Tablet: 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1, 1.5, 2, 4, 6 mg	2-16 mg BID	40 mg	Can cause GI upset. Use with caution for patients with diabetes due to resultant hyperglycemia. Give last dose by 2pm to avoid steroid-induced insomnia.	¢-\$2	Tier 1
Mirtazapine	Remeron, Remeron SolTab Tablet: 7.5, 15, 30, 45 mg SolTab (ODT): 15, 30, 45 mg	7.5-30 mg QHS	45 mg	Also expected to improve sleep and mood	\$2-\$3 SolTab: \$5	Tab: Tier 1 SolTab: Tier 3
Prednisone	Deltasone Solution, oral: 1 mg/mL Tablet: 1, 2.5, 5, 10, 20, 50 mg	5-80 mg 4 x daily	80 mg	Can cause GI upset. Use with caution in patients with diabetes due to resultant hyperglycemia. Give last dose by 2pm to avoid steroid-induced insomnia. Do NOT use in patients with CHF or water retention (use dexamethasone instead).	¢	Tier 1
Cyproheptadine	Periactin Solution, oral: 2mg/5ml Tablet: 4mg	4 mg daily- 4x daily	16 mg	Administer at bedtime to start	\$1.50	Tier 2
Megestrol Acetate	Megace Suspension, oral, as acetate: 40 mg/mL ES (BRAND): 125 mg/mL Tablet: 20, 40 mg	400-800 mg daily	800 mg	Promotes clot formation especially in non-ambulatory	\$11	Tier 3

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Anxiety/Agitation

Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Alprazolam (CIV)	Xanax Tablet: 0.25, 0.5, 1, 2 mg Tablet, ER: 0.5, 1, 2, 3 mg ODT: 0.25, 0.5, 1, 2 mg Solution, oral: 1 mg/mL	0.25-1 mg Q4-6h	4 mg	May be given PO or SL; avoid or reduce dose in patients with liver disease. For ER dosing: 0.5-1mg daily; range 3-6mg daily.	\$2 ER: \$2-\$8 ODT: \$6- \$15	Tier 1 ODT/ER: Tier 3
Chlordiazepoxide	Capsule: 5,10, 25 mg	5-25 mg QID	100 mg	Recommended geriatric dose is 5 mg QID. Avoid use if possible due to long acting metabolite.	\$1-\$2	Tier 1
Clonazepam (CIV)	Klonopin Tablet: 0.5, 1, 2 mg ODT wafer: 0.125, 0.25, 0.5, 1, 2 mg	Anxiety: 1 mg/day Seizure: 0.5 mg	4 mg (anxiety) 20 mg (seizure)	Long-acting benzodiazepine; should not be used in combo with short-acting benzodiazepine	\$2 Wafer: \$4- \$7	Tier 1 ODT: Tier 3
Diazepam (CIV)	Valium Tablet: 2, 5, 10 mg Solution, oral: 5 mg/5 mL, 5 mg/mL	2-10 mg Q6-12h		May be given PO, SL, PR; long half-life; use with caution in elderly w/ liver disease; DIASTAT RECTAL GEL: NON-FORMULARY	\$1	Tier 1
Divalproex Sodium	Depakote, Depakote Sprinkles Tablet, DR: 125, 250, 500 mg Tablet, ER: 250, 500 mg Capsule, DR: 125 mg	15 mg/kg/ day	60 mg/kg/day	Give with food; may open and sprinkle capsules on food. Divalproex sodium ER and DR tabs not bioequivalent; incr. total daily dose by 8-20% if switching from DR tab to ER tab. Hepatic disease/significant impairment: contraindicated	\$2	Tier 1
Haloperidol	Haldol Tablet:0.5, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 mg Solution as lactate, oral: 2 mg/mL Solution, injection as lactate: 5 mg/mL	0.5-5 mg Q6- 12h	100 mg	Can be given PO, SL, PR, IM; useful when benzodiazepines fail; do not use in patients with Parkinson's; low sedation	\$1	Tier 1
Hydroxyzine	Atarax, Vistaril Capsule as pamoate: 25, 50, 100 mg Tablet, HCl: 10, 25, 50 mg Solution, oral: 10 mg/5 mL	10-50 mg Q4- 6h	600 mg	May cause drowsiness; use with caution in the elderly; useful in patients with Parkinson's	\$3	Tier 1
Lorazepam (CIV)	Ativan Tablet: 0.5, 1, 2 mg Solution, oral: 2 mg/mL Solution, injection: 2	0.5-2 mg Q4-6h	10 mg	Intermediate-acting benzodiazepine; may be given PO, SL, PR, SQ, IM; reduce dose if liver disease present	\$2	Tier 1

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Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Oxazepam (CIV)	Serax Capsule: 10, 15, 30 mg	10 mg Q8-14h		Intermediate-acting benzodiazepine; may cause paradoxical reaction in the elderly	\$3	Tier 1
Phenobarbital (CIII)	Luminal Tablet: 15, 16, 30, 32, 60, 65, 97, 100 mg Elixir: 20 mg/5 mL	60-100 mg daily BID-TID		May be given PO, PR, IM; long half-life allows less frequent dosing CrCl <10: give q12-16h	\$1	Tier 1
Valproic Acid	Depakene Syrup, as valproic acid: 250 mg/5 mL Capsule, as valproic acid: 250 mg	250 mg QHS x 7 days, then 500 mg QHS	60 mg/kg/day	Drug levels required for seizures only; DO NOT CRUSH ER FORMS; Depakene may be given rectally	\$3	Tier 1
Buspirone	Buspar Tablet: 5, 7.5, 10, 15, 30 mg	20-30 mg/day BID-TID	60 mg	Start: 7.5 mg PO BID, then incr. 5 mg/day q2-3 days; Severe renal/hepatic impairment: Avoid Use	\$2-\$3	Tier 2
Olanzapine	Zyprexa, Zyprexa Zydys Tablet: 2.5, 5, 7.5, 10, 15 mg, 20 mg ODT: 5, 10, 15, 20 mg	2.5-5 mg daily	20 mg	May cause hyperglycemia	\$3 ODT: \$21-\$40	Tier 2 ODT: TIER 3
Quetiapine	Seroquel, Seroquel XR Tablet: 25, 50, 100, 200, 300, 400 mg Tablet, XR: 50, 150, 200, 300, 400 mg	25-50 mg Q8-12h	800 mg	Preferred in Parkinson's disease	\$7 XR: \$6-\$12	IR: Tier 2 XR: Tier 3
Risperidone	Risperdal Tablet: 0.25, 0.5, 1, 2, 3, 4 mg Solution, oral: 1 mg/mL ODT: 0.25, 0.5, 1, 2, 3, 4 mg	1-3 mg BID	16 mg	Preferred atypical antipsychotic	\$7-\$21	Tier 2
Chlorpromazine	Thorazine Tablet: 10, 25, 50, 100, 200 mg	10-50 mg Q4-6h	1000 mg	May be given PO, SL, PR; more sedating; avoid in patients with Parkinson's disease May cause orthostatic hypotension	\$11- \$40	Tier 3
Paliperidone	Invega Tablet, ER: 1.5, 3, 6, 9 mg	6 mg daily	12 mg	Non-preferred, structurally similar to risperidone. CrCl 50-79: start 3 mg qam; max 6 mg/day; CrCl 10-49: start 1.5 mg qam; max 3 mg/day	\$19	Tier 3

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Bladder Spasm

Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Oxybutynin	Ditropan, Ditropan XL Syrup: 5 mg/5 ml Tablet, IR: 5 mg Tablet, XL: 5, 10, 15 mg Transdermal Patch: 3.9 mg/day	IR: 2.5 mg Q8-12hr XL: 5-15 mg daily	IR: 20 mg ER: 30 mg	Subcategory: Bladder Cancer Geriatric dose is 2.5 mg BID	\$2 Patch: \$4	IR: Tier 1 XL: Tier 2 Patch: Tier 2
Bethanecol	Urecholine Tablet: 5, 10, 25, 50 mg	10- 50 mg TID-QID	50 mg QID	Initiate therapy with 5-10 mg; increase dose hourly until effective response seen. Use the lowest effective dose. Should be administered 1 hour before meals or 2 hours after meals (to avoid nausea and vomiting).	\$2-\$6	Tier 2
Flavoxate	Tablet: 100 mg	100-200 mg TIDQID	200 mg QID		\$4	Tier 2
Tolterodine	Detrol Tablet: 1, 2 mg Capsule, LA: 2, 4 mg	4 mg/day	4 mg 2 mg (renal)	Subcategory: Bladder Cancer CrCl <30: 1 mg bid	\$6 LA: \$8-\$10	Tier 2 LA: Tier 3

Congestion

Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Guaifenesin Monitor for agitation treat hyperkalemia.	Robitussin Tablet: 200, 400 mg Liquid: 100 mg/5 mL Solution, oral: 100 mg/5 mL, 100 mg/6.25 mL Solution, oral drops: 50 mg/mL	10-30 mL Q4h	2400 mg	Monitor for agitation and hypokalemia; may be used to treat hyperkalemia.	\$2	Tier 1
NaCl 0.9% sterile for inhalation	Bronchosaline Neb: 0.9%	3 ml Q4h PRN	150 meq	Subcategory: COPD (Obstructive) Fluid intake is encouraged	\$1	Tier 1

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Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Oxymetazoline	Afrin Solution, intranasal, as hydrochloride [spray]: 0.05 %	2-3 sprays each nostril, Q12h		Do not use for more than 3-5 days; may cause rebound congestion	\$5 per bottle	Tier 1
Pseudo-ephedrine	Sudafed Tablet: 30, 60 mg Tablet, ER: 120, 240 mg Syrup: 15, 30 mg/5 mL	30-60 mg Q4-6h	240 mg	May increase blood pressure or cause agitation; do not take at bedtime due to drug-induced insomnia	\$1	Tier 1
Guaifenesin LA	Mucinex Tablet, ER: 600 mg	1-2 tabs BID	2400 mg	Subcategory: COPD (Obstructive) Do not crush; encourage fluid intake	¢	Tier 2

Constipation

Bisacodyl	Dulcolax Suppository: 10 mg Tablet: 5 mg	5-10 mg QHS	30 mg	Can be used daily or prn	¢- \$1	Tier 1
Docusate	Colace Capsule, as sodium: 50, 100, 250 mg Liquid: 150 mg/15 mL	50-500 mg daily in 1-4 divided doses		Stool softener only	¢	Tier 1
Citrate of Magnesia	Magnesium Citrate Bottle: 300 ml	1 bottle PRN	300 ml	May keep chilled in refrigerator; 300 mL= 235 meq Magnesium = 2.8 g Magnesium	\$3/bottle	Tier 1
Glycerin Suppository	Sani-Supp	1 supp daily	2 supps	May cause "fatty" appearing stool	¢	Tier 1
Magnesium Hydroxide Suspension	Milk of Magnesia Liquid, oral: 400, 800 mg/5 mL Tablet, chewable: 311 mg	15-30 mL daily	60 mL	Caution in patients with renal impairment	¢	Tier 1
Mineral Oil	Mineral Oil	15-45 ml/day divided Q8-24h	118 mL	Given as an enema only; oral use may cause pneumonitis	¢	Tier 1
Psyllium (Fiber)	Metamucil Powder: 3.4 g per dose	2 Tbsp. daily-BID	30 g	Use with caution in patients with poor fluid intake; may cause obstruction	¢	Tier 1
Senna	Senna Tablet: 8.6 mg	2 tabs BID	8 tablets	May cause abdominal cramping when used alone	¢-\$1	Tier 1

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Constipation Cont.

Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Senna + Docusate	Senna S, Senokot S, Senna Plus Tablet: docusate 50 mg and sennosides 8.6 mg	1-2 tabs daily	8 tablets	Typically a first line therapy; should be started in all patients on opioids	¢	Tier 1
Sodium Phosphate/ Bisphosphonate Enema	Fleets Enema	1 enema PR daily	1 enema daily	May cause electrolyte imbalance	\$4	Tier 1
Sorbitol 70%	Sorbitol 70% Solution, oral: 70% (30 mL, 480 mL, 3840 mL)	15-30 mL daily-BID	150 mL	Osmotic stool softener	¢	Tier 1
Lactulose	Enulose, Kristalose Solution, oral: 10 g/15 mL Pwdr Pkt (BRAND): 10 g/packet (30s), 20 g/packet (30s)	15-30 mL daily BID	60 mL (constipation)	Reserve for patients with high ammonia levels	\$3	Tier 2
PEG 3350	MiraLax OTC 1 bottle: 527 g	17 g daily		Dissolve in 4-8oz of liquid prior to admin. may take 2-4 days to produce BM		Tier 2

Cough-Dry; Non Productive

Benzonatate	Tessalon Capsule: 100, 200 mg	100 mg TID	600 mg	Swallow caps whole	\$4-\$6	Tier 1
Dextro-methorphan	Vicks, Delsym (ER) Liquid: 10 mg/5 mL, 30 mg/5 mL (ER)	5-10 mL Q4 PRN Delsym: 10mL Q12 PRN	120 mg	Contains alcohol	\$2	Tier 1
Paroxetine	Paxil Tablet: 10, 20, 30, 40 Tablet, ER: 12.5, 25, 37.5 mg Suspension: 10 mg/5 mL	10-40 mg daily	50 mg 40 mg (elderly, renal/hepatic)	Mechanism for cough unknown; effective for cough after 1-3 doses	\$2	Tier 1
Promethazine/ Codeine (CV)	Phenergan with Codeine Syrup, oral; 6.25-10mg/5ml	5 ml PO Q4-6H PRN	30 ml	Take with food/water to decrease GI upset	\$2-\$3	Tier 1
Hydrocodone/ Homatropine (CII)	Hydromet Syrup, oral; 5-1.5mg/5ml	5ml Q4-6H PRN	30 ml		\$6	Tier 2

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Cough-Wet; Productive

Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Guaifenesin/Codeine	Robitussin AC, Guaiaatusin AC, Iophen C-NR Solution/Syrup oral: 100 mg/10 mg/5ml	10 ml Q4H PRN	60 ml	Encourage fluid intake, recommend diabetic tussin for patients with DM	\$0.50-\$1	Tier 1
Guaifenesin/Dextromethorphan	Robitussin DM Solution, oral: 100 mg/10 mg/5 mL	10 mL Q4hr PRN	2400 mg/day guaifenesin	Encourage fluid intake, recommend diabetic tussin for patients with DM	\$2	Tier 1

Depression

Citalopram	Celexa Tablet: 10, 20, 40 mg Solution, oral: 10 mg/5 mL	10-40 mg QAM	40 mg 20 mg (pts >60 yo)		\$2	Tier 1
Desipramine	Norpramin Tablet: 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150 mg	10-150 mg QHS	300 mg	Also expected to improve sleep and mood; least anticholinergic effect; max in elderly is 150 mg per day	\$1	Tier 1
Dexamethasone	Decadron Solution, oral: 1 mg/mL Tablet: 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1, 1.5, 2, 4, 6 mg	2-16 mg BID	40 mg	Subcategory: COPD (Obstructive) Can cause GI upset. Use with caution for patients with diabetes due to resultant hyperglycemia. Give last dose by 2pm to avoid steroid-induced insomnia. Use in patients with CHF or water retention.	¢-\$2	Tier 1
Doxepin	Sinequan Capsule: 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150 mg Solution, oral: 10 mg/mL	10-30 mg QHS	300 mg	Caution in elderly; OK if bedbound; causes drowsiness	\$1	Tier 1
Escitalopram	Lexapro Tablet: 5, 10, 20 mg Solution : 5 mg/ 5mL	5- 20 mg daily	20 mg	Usual starting dose: 10 mg	\$1-\$2 Solution: \$5	Tier 1 Solution: Tier 3

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Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Fluoxetine	Prozac Tablet: 10, 20 mg Capsule: 10, 20, 40 mg Capsule, DR: 90 mg Solution, oral: 20 mg/5 mL	20-60 mg daily	80 mg	Long half-life; increases risk of falls	\$2 DR: \$40	Tier 1 DR Capsule Tier 3
Fluvoxamine	Tablet: 50, 100 mg ER Tablet: 100 mg	100-300 mg daily	300 mg	Usual starting dose: 50 mg daily. Increase in 50 mg increments every 4-7 days as tolerated.	\$2 ER: \$7	Tier 1 ER: Tier 3
Imipramine	Tablet: 50mg Capsule: 75, 100, 125, 150 mg	25-150 mg QHS	200 mg (100 mg for elderly)	Also expected to improve sleep and mood. Not preferred TCA in elderly (see desipramine). Daily dose may be given in two divided doses. Requires taper off to avoid withdrawal symptoms.	Tablet \$1 Capsule: \$11	Tier 1 Capsule Tier 3
Methylphenidate (CII)	Ritalin Tablet: 5, 10, 20 mg Tablet, 12-24h ER: 10, 20 mg Capsule, 24h LA (BRAND): 10, 20, 30, 40 mg Solution, oral: 5, 10 mg/5 mL	5-10 mg Daily-BID	60 mg (ER tab/cap)	May be used alone or in combination with SSRI or TCA; schedule last dose before 2pm to lessen the risk of drug-induced insomnia; caution in patients with cardiac issues or uncontrolled HTN	¢-\$1	Tier 1
Mirtazapine	Remeron, Remeron SolTab Tablet: 7.5, 15, 30, 45 mg SolTab (ODT): 15, 30, 45 mg	7.5-30 mg QHS	45 mg	Also expected to improve sleep and mood	\$2-\$3 SolTab: \$5	Tab: Tier 1 SolTab: Tier 3
Nortriptyline	Pamelor Capsule: 10, 25, 50, 75 mg Solution, oral: 10 mg/5 mL	10-150 mg QHS	150 mg	Also expected to improve sleep and mood; start at lowest dose possible	\$1	Tier 1
Paroxetine	Paxil Tablet: 10, 20, 30, 40 mg Tablet, ER: 12.5, 25, 37.5 mg Suspension: 10 mg/5 mL	10-40 mg daily	50 mg 40 mg (elderly, renal/hepatic)	Mechanism for cough unknown; effective for cough after 1-3 doses	\$2	Tier 1

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Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Prednisone	Deltasone Solution, oral: 1 mg/mL Tablet: 1, 2.5, 5, 10, 20, 50 mg	5-80 mg 4 x daily	80 mg	Subcategory: COPD (Obstructive) Can cause GI upset. Use with caution in patients with diabetes due to resultant hyperglycemia. Give last dose by 2pm to avoid steroid-induced insomnia. Do NOT use in patients with CHF or water retention (use dexamethasone instead).	¢	Tier 1
Sertraline	Zoloft Tablet: 25, 50, 100 mg Solution, oral: 20 mg/mL	25-200 mg QAM	200 mg	Use lower doses in patients with hepatic impairment	\$2-\$4	Tier 1
Trazodone	Desyrel Tablet: 50, 100, 150, 300 mg	25-100 mg QHS	400 mg (depression) 200 mg (insomnia)	Useful to treat insomnia	¢-\$1	Tier 1
Amitriptyline	Elavil Tablet: 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150 mg	10-15 mg QHS	300 mg	Also expected to improve sleep and mood; increases risk of falls	¢-\$1	Tier 2
Bupropion Hydrochloride	Budeprion SR/XL, Wellbutrin SR/SL, Zyban Tablet: 75, 100 mg Tablet, SR (12H): 100, 150, 200 mg Tablet, XL (24H): 150, 300 mg	IR: 100 mg TID SR, 12H: 150 mg BID XL, 24H: 300 mg QAM	IR: 150 mg/dose 450 SR: 400 mg XL: 450 mg	ER Form: Do not cut/crush/chew Severe cirrhosis: max 75 mg/day, 100 mg ER daily, or 150 mg ER q48h	\$3-\$4	Tier 2
Venlafaxine	Effexor Tablet: 25, 37.5, 50, 75, 100 mg Tablet, ER: 37.5, 75, 150, 225 mg Capsule, ER: 37.5, 75, 150 mg	IR: 37.5 – 75 mg BID-TID ER: 75 – 225 mg daily	IR: 375 mg ER: 225 mg	Give with food Do not cut/crush/chew ER form CrCl 10-70: decr. Dose 25-50% CrCl <10: decr. Dose 50%	\$3-\$4	Tier 2
Duloxetine	Cymbalta Capsule, DR (BRAND): 20, 30, 60 mg	60 mg daily	120 mg	Useful to treat neuropathic pain Do not cut/crush/chew/sprinkle CrCl <30: avoid use	\$6	Tier 3

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Diarrhea/Gas

Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Bismuth Subsalicylate	Pepto Bismol, Kaopectate Tablet, chewable: 262mg Liquid, oral: 262 mg/15 mL	524mg Q 30-60min prn	8 tabs	May cause stool to appear black/tarry Avoid when C.diff infection present	¢-\$2	Tier 1
Cholestyramine	Questran Powder, pkt: 4 g cholestyramine/9 g powder Powder, scoop: 4 g cholestyramine/9 g powder	4 g 1-4x daily	24 g	Dissolved in juice or water; promotes formed stools; useful in C.diff	\$2-6	Tier 1
Diphenoxylate/ Atropine (CV)	Lomotil Tablet: Diphenoxylate hydrochloride 2.5 mg and atropine sulfate 0.025 mg Solution, oral: Diphenoxylate hydrochloride 2.5 mg and atropine sulfate 0.025 mg/5 mL	5mg (diphenoxylate component) 1-4x daily prn	20mg (diphenoxylate component)	Avoid when C.diff infection present	\$1-\$5	Tier 1
Loperamide	Imodium Capsule/Tablet: 2 mg Solution, oral, as hydrochloride: 1 mg/5 mL, 1 mg/7.5 mL	4 mg x1 And then 2 mg PRN	16 mg	Avoid when C.diff infection present	¢-\$1	Tier 1
Simethicone	Mylicon Tablet, chewable: 80 mg, 125 mg Softgel: 125 mg, 166 mg, 180 mg Suspension, oral drops: 40 mg/0.6 mL (30 mL)	40-125 mg 4x daily	500 mg		¢	Tier 1
Opium Tincture (CIII)	Opium Tincture Tincture 10%, oral: w/ anhydrous morphine 10 mg/ mL [0.6 mL = to morphine 6mg; contains ethanol 19%]	Doses expressed in mg: 6mg of undiluted opium tincture (10 mg/ mL) 4x daily		Opium Tincture contains 25 times more morphine than paregoric	\$3-\$13	Tier 2
Dysphagia						
Thick It	Thick It 8 oz can	1-4 TBSP	None		\$2	Tier 1

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Dyspnea/Shortness of Breath

Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Albuterol	Proventil, Ventolin Neb: 2.5 mg/3 mL (0.083%), 5 mg/mL (0.5%) MDI: 90 mcg/spray	Neb: 1 vial via neb q1-4h prn MDI: 2 puffs Q4-6h prn	Neb: 10 mg MDI: 12 puffs	Subcategory: COPD (Obstructive), Other (Restrictive/Neoplastic) Monitor for agitation May be used to treat hyperkalemia	\$3	Tier 1
Alprazolam (CIV)	Xanax Tablet: 0.25, 0.5, 1, 2 mg Tablet, ER: 0.5, 1, 2, 3 mg ODT: 0.25, 0.5, 1, 2 mg Solution, oral: 1 mg/mL	0.25-1 mg Q4-6h 4 mg		May be given PO or SL; avoid or reduce dose in patients with liver disease. For ER dosing: 0.5-1mg daily; range 3-6mg daily.	\$2 ER: \$2-\$8 ODT: \$6- \$15	Tier 1 ODT/ER: Tier 3
Dexamethasone	Decadron Solution, oral: 1 mg/mL Tablet: 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1, 1.5, 2, 4, 6 mg	2-16 mg BID	40 mg	Can cause GI upset. Use with caution for patients with diabetes due to resultant hyperglycemia. Give last dose by 2pm to avoid steroid-induced insomnia.	¢-\$2	Tier 1
Ipratropium	Atrovent Neb: 0.5 mg/2.5ml (0.02%) MDI: 17 mcg/spray	Neb: 1 vial via neb Q6-8h prn MDI: 2 puffs inh QID	Neb: 6 doses MDI: 12 puffs	Subcategory: COPD (Obstructive) Neb mixed with albuterol neb is stable for 1 hour.	\$5 MDI: \$12	Neb: Tier 1 MDI: Tier 3D
Ipratropium/Albuterol	Duoneb, Combivent Neb: 0.5 mg/2.5 mg/3 mL MDI: 18 mcg/90 mcg/spray	Neb: 3 mL inh QID MDI: 1-2 puffs inh QID	Neb: 6 doses MDI: 12 puffs	Subcategory: COPD (Obstructive), Other (Restrictive/Neoplastic)	\$6 MDI: \$14	Tier 1D MDI: Tier 3D
Lorazepam (CIV)	Ativan Tablet: 0.5, 1, 2 mg Solution, oral: 2 mg/mL Solution, injection: 2 mg, 4 mg/mL	0.5-2 mg Q4-6h	10 mg	Fear/anxiety-induced n/v Intermediate-acting benzodiazepine; may be given PO, SL, PR, SQ, IM; reduce dose if liver disease present	\$2	Tier 1
Morphine (IR) (CII)	MSIR, Roxanol Tablet: 15, 30 mg Solution, oral: 10 mg/5 mL, 20 mg/5mL, 20 mg/mL Solution, injection as sulfate: 15 mg/mL	Q2h PRN	N/A	Dosage for SOB is 5-10 mg Q2h prn SubQ: 5-15 mg SubQ q2-4h prn CrCl 10-50: decr. Dose 25%; CrCl <10: decr. Dose 50%	\$2	Tier 1
NaCl 0.9% sterile for inhalation	Bronchosaline Neb: 0.9%	3 ml Q4h PRN	150 meq	Subcategory: COPD (Obstructive) Fluid intake is encouraged	\$1	Tier 1
Oxycodone (IR) (CII) – (Morphine intolerant)	OxyIR, Tablet: 5, 15, 30 mg Capsule: 5 mg Solution: 20mg/ mL	Dosed Q2hr PRN	N/A	Dosage for SOB is 5-10 mg Q2h prn; preferred for patients with severe renal impairment	Tabs: \$2.50 Solution: \$10-\$40	Tier 1 Solution: Tier 2

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Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Prednisolone	Solution: 5mg/ 15mL, 15mg/ 5mL	5- 60 mg daily	60 mg	Cost effective version: Prednisolone sodium phosphate oral solution. Typically utilized when steroid tablets are not an option.	\$2-\$3	Tier 1
Prednisone	Deltasone Solution, oral: 1 mg/mL Tablet: 1, 2.5, 5, 10, 20, 50 mg	5-80 mg 4 x daily	80 mg	Can cause GI upset. Use with caution in patients with diabetes due to resultant hyperglycemia. Give last dose by 2pm to avoid steroid-induced insomnia. Do NOT use in patients with CHF or water retention (use dexamethasone instead).	¢	Tier 1
Methylprednisolone	Tablets: 2, 4, 8, 16, 32 mg Dose pack: Containing 21 tablets x 4mg	4-60 mg daily; Larger doses require BID dosing	60 mg	Subcategory: COPD (Obstructive) GI upset can occur. Use with caution in patients with diabetes due to resultant hyperglycemia. DO NOT use in patients with CHF or water retention (use dexamethasone instead). Usual directions for use spread over 6 days (Medrol Dose Pack) : 24mg on Day 1, 20 mg on Day 2, 16 mg on Day 3, 12 mg on Day 4, 8 mg on Day 5, 4 mg on Day 6	\$3-\$4	Tier 2

Edema

Bumetanide	Bumex Tablet: 0.5, 1, 2 mg	0.5 -10 mg/day daily BID	10 mg	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure , Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Severe Aortic Stenosis w/CHF Therapeutic Class: Diuretics (loop) Monitor for hypokalemia; administer last dose before 4pm	¢	Tier 1
Furosemide	Lasix Tablet: 20, 40, 80 mg Solution, oral: 10 mg/mL, 40mg/ 5mL	10-160 mg daily- BID	600 mg	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Severe Aortic Stenosis w/CHF, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) Therapeutic Class: Diuretics (loop) Monitor for hypokalemia Anuria: contraindicated	¢	Tier 1
Hydrochlorothiazide	Microzide, Hydroduril Tablet: 25, 50 mg Capsule: 12.5 mg	12.5-50 mg daily	200 mg	Subcategory: Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Severe Aortic Stenosis w/CHF, Congestive Heart Failure Therapeutic Class: Diuretics (thiazide) Anuria: contraindicated	\$1	Tier 1
Metolazone	Zaroxolyn Tablet: 2.5, 5, 10 mg	2.5-20 mg daily	20 mg	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Severe Aortic Stenosis w/CHF Therapeutic Class: Diuretics (thiazide) Not a potent diuretic alone; used in conjunction with Lasix or Bumex; administer 30min prior to dose of Lasix or Bumex	\$2	Tier 1
Potassium Chloride	KDur, Klor-Con Capsule, XR: 8, 10 meq Tablet, ER: 8, 10, 15, 20 meq Solution, oral: 20, 40 meq/15 mL	20 meq 2-5X daily	100 meq	May cause diarrhea, nausea vomiting or abdominal pain	\$1	Tier 1

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Spirolactone	Aldactone Tablet: 25, 50, 100 mg	20-200 mg daily	400 mg	Subcategory: Congestive Heart Failure, Severe Aortic Stenosis w/CHF, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) Therapeutic Class: Diuretics (potassium sparing) Especially useful with ascites, prevents third spacing; may cause constipation and hypotension CrCl <10: contraindicated; anuria, acute renal impairment: contraindicated	\$1	Tier 1
Triamterene/HCTZ	Maxzide/Dyazide Tablet: 25/37.5, 50/75 mg Capsule: 25/37.5 mg	25 mg/37.5 mg daily	75/50 mg	Triamterene is a potassium sparing diuretic	¢	Tier 1

Extrapyramidal Symptoms

Benztropine	Cogentin Tablet: 0.5, 1, 2 mg	0.5-2 mg BID	6 mg 4 mg (elderly)	May cause sedation	\$1	Tier 1
Diphenhydramine	Benadryl Capsule/Tablet: 25, 50 mg Elixir: 12.5 mg/5 mL	25-100 mg QHS and/or Q4-6h prn	400 mg	Use with caution in elderly patients; causes confusion/drowsiness/dizziness; will not affect blood pressure	¢	Tier 1

Fever

Acetaminophen	Tylenol Tablet: 325, 500 mg Tablet, chewable: 80, 160 mg Caplet/Gelcap: 500 mg Caplet/Gelcap, extended release: 650 mg Liquid, oral: 500 mg/15 mL, 160 mg/5 mL Suppository: 120, 650 mg	500-1000 mg Q4-6h	4000 mg	Max of 3000mg for elderly Max of 2000 mg for patients with hepatic impairment	¢-\$3	Tier 1
Aspirin	Aspirin Tablet: 81, 325, 500, 650 mg Supp: 300, 600 mg	325-650 mg Q4hr PRN	4000 mg	Monitor for antiplatelet effects	¢	Tier 1
Ibuprofen	Motrin, Advil Tablet: 200 mg [OTC], 400, 600, 800mg Capsule/Gelcap: 200 mg [OTC] Suspension: 100 mg/5 mL Drops, oral: 40 mg/mL Chewable: 50, 100 mg	400-800 mg Q6h	3200 mg	Take with food/milk; may cause GI upset; monitor concomitant use with corticosteroids Caution if cardiovascular dz, CHF, HTN	¢	Tier 1
Naproxen	Naprosyn Tablet: 250, 375, 500 mg Suspension: 125 mg/5 mL	250-500 mg BID	1500 mg	250mg naproxen= 275 mg naproxen sodium CrCl <30: avoid use	\$1	Tier 1

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Gastrointestinal Irritation/Colic

Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Aluminum/ Magnesium	<p>Gaviscon Liquid: aluminum hydroxide 31.7 mg/magnesium carbonate 119.3 mg per 5 mL</p> <p>Mag- Al Liquid: Aluminum hydroxide 200 mg/magnesium hydroxide 200 mg per 5 mL</p> <p>Gaviscon Extra Strength Liquid: aluminum hydroxide 254 mg/magnesium carbonate 237.5 mg per 5 mL Tablet: aluminum hydroxide 160 mg/magnesium carbonate 105 mg</p>	<p>Gaviscon: Liquid: aluminum hydroxide 31.7 mg/magnesium carbonate 119.3 mg per 5 mL Tablet: 2-4 tabs daily-QID PRN</p> <p>Mag- Al: Liquid: 10 to 20 mL daily- QID</p> <p>Gaviscon Extra Strength: Liquid: 10 to 20 mL daily- QID Tablet: 2-4 tabs daily-QID PRN</p>	<p>Gaviscon: Liquid: 120 mL Tablets: 16</p> <p>Mag- Al: Liquid: 80 mL Tablets: 16</p>	Avoid use in end stage renal disease	\$1	Tier 1
Aluminum/ Magnesium/ Simethicone	<p>Mylanta, Maalox Liquid: Aluminum hydroxide 200 mg, magnesium hydroxide 200 mg, and simethicone 20 mg per 5 mL (360 mL); aluminum hydroxide 400 mg, magnesium hydroxide 400 mg, and simethicone 40 mg/ 5 mL (360 mL) Tablet, chewable: Aluminum hydroxide 200 mg, magnesium hydroxide 200 mg and simethicone 25 mg</p>	15-30 mL 4x daily PRN		Avoid use in end stage renal disease	\$2	Tier 1
Calcium Carbonate	<p>Tums Tums®: 500 mg Tums® E-X: 750 mg Tums® Ultra®: 1000 mg</p>	1-2 Q day PRN	7000 mg (as antacid)	May cause constipation	¢	Tier 1
Dicyclomine	<p>Bentyl Tablet: 20 mg Capsule: 10 mg Solution, oral: 10 mg/5 mL</p>	10-20 mg Q6-8h	160 mg	Anticholinergic; may cause vision	\$1	Tier 1
Famotidine	<p>Pepcid Tablet: 10, 20, 40 mg Suspension: 40 mg/5 mL</p>	20 mg BID	40 mg 20 mg (renal)	CrCl <50: decr. dose 50% or give q36-48h	\$1	Tier 1

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Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Nizatidine	Axid Capsule: 150, 300 mg Solution, oral: 15 mg/mL	150 mg BID	300 mg	CrCl 20-50: 150 mg daily CrCl <20: 150 mg q48h	\$6	Tier 1
Omeprazole	Prilosec Tablet and Capsule [OTC] , delayed release: 20 mg Capsule (Rx), delayed release: 10, 20, 40 mg	20 mg Daily to BID	360 mg	OTC form is preferred;	\$1 Rx: \$4-\$7	OTC: Tier 1 Rx: Tier 3
Ranitidine	Zantac Tablet, as hydrochloride: 75 mg [OTC], 150 mg [OTC], 300 mg Solution, oral: 15 mg/mL Capsule: 150 mg, 300 mg Solution, injection: 50 mg/2 mL	150 mg QHS or BID IM/IV: 50 mg q6-8h	300 mg	Well tolerated; may be crushed CrCl <50: 150 mg daily CrCl <10: 75-150 mg daily	\$3	Tier 1
Sucralfate	Carafate Tablet: 1 g Suspension: 1 g/10 mL	1g 4x daily	6 g	Can be constipating; shake well; drug interaction with proton pump inhibitors and other antacids; Give 1h before meals, bedtime	\$3	Tier 1
Lansoprazole	Prevacid, Prevacid SoluTab, Prevacid OTC Capsule, delayed release (OTC) : 15, 30mg Suspension: 15 mg/5 mL (150 mL, 300 mL) Tablet, ODT: 15, 30 mg Capsule (Rx), delayed release: 15, 30mg	30 mg PO daily	180 mg	Reserve for patients unable to swallow or NPO	OTC: \$1-\$2 Rx: \$5	OTC: Tier 2 Rx: Tier 3
Pantoprazole	Tablet: 20, 40mg Packet: 40mg	20- 40 mg daily BID	80 mg		\$2 Packet: \$6	Tier 2 Packet: Tier 3

Gout

Allopurinol	Zyloprim Tablet: 100, 300 mg	100-300 mg daily	800 mg	CrCl 10-20: 200 mg daily; CrCl 3-10: 100 mg daily or 300 mg 2x/wk	¢- \$1	Tier 3
Colchicine	Colcrys Tablet: 0.6 m g	0.6 mg daily- BID	1.2 mg	CrCl less than 30: 0.3 mg/day Dialysis: 0.3 mg BID	\$6-\$12	Tier 3

Hiccups

Baclofen	Lioresal Tablet: 10, 20 mg	5-15 mg TID	80 mg	May lower seizure threshold	\$1-\$2	Tier 1
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Hiccups Cont.

Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Metoclopramide	Reglan Tablet: 5, 10 mg Solution, oral: 5 mg/5 mL	5-10 mg 4x daily	60 mg 30 mg (elderly)	Gastric stasis-induced n/v Avoid in patients with Parkinson's; monitor for EPS and agitation; Decr. dose 50% in elderly pts; give 30min before meals. CrCl 41-50: decr. dose 25% CrCl 10-40: decr. dose 50%	\$1	Tier 1
Chlorpromazine	Thorazine Tablet: 10, 25, 50, 100, 200 mg	10-50 mg Q4-6h	1000 mg	May be given PO, SL, PR; more sedating; avoid in patients with Parkinson's disease May cause orthostatic hypotension	\$11- \$40	Tier 3

Hyperglycemia

Intermediating Acting Insulin	Novolin 70/30	BID	Individualized		\$5	Tier 3
Long Acting Insulin	Lantus	Daily	Individualized	Basal Insulin	\$5	Tier 3
Short Acting Insulin	Insulin R	PRN	Individualized	BGM divided by 3 minus 3 equals dose for coverage	\$5	Tier 3

Insomnia

Clonazepam (CIV)	Klonopin Tablet: 0.5, 1, 2 mg ODT wafer: 0.125, 0.25, 0.5, 1, 2 mg	Anxiety: 1 mg/day Seizure: 0.5 mg TID and titrate	4 mg (anxiety) 20 mg (seizure)	Long-acting benzodiazepine; should not be used in combo with short-acting benzodiazepine	\$2 Wafer: \$4-\$7	Tier 1 ODT: Tier 3
Diphenhydramine	Benadryl Capsule/Tablet: 25, 50 mg Elixir: 12.5 mg/5 mL	25-100 mg QHS and/or Q4-6h prn	400 mg	Use with caution in Elderly patients; causes confusion/drowsiness/dizziness; will not affect blood pressure	¢	Tier 1
Melatonin	Tablet: 1, 3 mg	0.3-5 mg QHS	5 mg	3 to 4 hours before an imposed sleep period over 4 weeks	¢	Tier 1
Mirtazapine	Remeron, Remeron SolTab Tablet: 7.5, 15, 30, 45 mg SolTab (ODT): 15, 30, 45 mg	7.5-30 mg QHS	45 mg	Also expected to improve sleep and mood	\$2-\$3 SolTab: \$5	Tab: Tier 1 SolTab: Tier 3
Temazepam (CIV)	Restoril Capsule: 7.5 (BRAND), 15, 22.5 (BRAND), 30 mg	15-30 mg QHS	30 mg		\$1 Brand: \$10	Tier 1 7.5 and 22.5mg: NF

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Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Triazolam (CIV)	Halcion Tablet: 0.125, 0.25 mg	0.125-0.25 mg QHS	0.5 mg	Short-term Use	\$1	Tier 1
Zolpidem (CIV)	Ambien, Ambien CR Tablet: 5, 10 mg Tablet, CR: 6.25, 12.5 mg	5-10 mg QHS	10 mg	Short half-life; wears off after approximately 5 hours. 5 mg PO qhs or 6.25 mg ER PO qhs in elderly or debilitated pts; give on empty stomach	\$3-\$5 CR: \$5	Tier 1 CR: Tier 3

Dry Mouth/Mucositis

Artificial Saliva	Artificial Saliva, Salivart	Q1-3h PRN	none	Generic forms are preferred	\$1	Tier 1
Chlorhexidine Rinse	Peridex Solution: 0.12%	15 mL swish/ spit BID	30 mL	Should swish for 30 sec prior to spitting out	\$1	Tier 1
Dry Mouth Rinse	Biotene	PRN	none		\$1	Tier 1
Lidocaine (viscous)	Xylocaine Solution, viscous: 2%	0.225 mL/kg q3h prn	15 mL/dose 8 doses	For viscous solution 1 mL = 20 mg of lidocaine Swish and spit out	\$2	Tier 1
Nystatin	Mycostatin Suspension: 100,000 units/mL	500,000– 1,000,000 units 4x daily x 10-14 days swish +/- swallow	2.4 million units	Not systemically absorbed Use x48h after sx resolve	\$3.50	Tier 1
Sucralfate	Carafate Tablet: 1 g Suspension: 1 g/10 mL	1g 4x daily	6 g	Can be constipating; shake well; drug interaction with proton pump inhibitors and other antacids; Give 1h before meals, bedtime	\$3	Tier 1

Muscle Spasms

Baclofen	Lioresal Tablet: 10, 20 mg	5-15 mg TID	80 mg	May lower seizure threshold	\$1-\$2	Tier 1
Clonazepam (CIV)	Klonopin Tablet: 0.5, 1, 2 mg ODT wafer: 0.125, 0.25, 0.5, 1, 2 mg	Anxiety: 1 mg/day Seizure: 0.5 mg TID and titrate	4 mg (anxiety) 20 mg (seizure)	Long-acting benzodiazepine; should not be used in combo with short-acting benzodiazepine	\$2 Wafer: \$4- \$7	Tier 1 ODT: Tier 3

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Cyclobenzaprine	Flexeril Tablet: 5, 7.5, 10 mg	5 mg daily	30 mg	Avoid used in mod-severe hepatic impairment	\$1-\$4 7.5 mg: \$4-\$12	Tier 1 7.5 mg: Tier 3
Carisoprodol	Soma Tablet: 250 (BRAND), 350 mg	350 mg TID	4x daily	May be sedating Max x 2-3 weekly	350mg: \$2 250mg: \$11	Tier 2 250mg: Tier 3
Methocarbamol	Tablet: 500, 750 mg	1-1.5 gram TID- QID	1.5 gram QID		\$4	Tier 2
Tizanidine	Zanaflex Tablet: 2, 4 mg Capsule: 2, 4, 6 mg	8 mg Q6-8hr	36 mg	Max: 3 doses/24h; 12 mg/dose Give consistently w/ food or on empty stomach	TABS: \$3 CAPS: \$7-\$14	Tier 2

Nausea/Vomiting

Diazepam (CIV)	Valium Tablet: 2, 5, 10 mg Solution, oral: 5 mg/5 mL, 5 mg/mL	2-10 mg Q6-12h		Fear/anxiety-induced n/v May be given PO, SL, PR; long half-life; use with caution in elderly w/ liver disease; DIASTAT RECTAL GEL: NON-FORMULARY	\$1	Tier 1
Erythromycin	Ery-tab, E.E.S, EryPed Suspension (BRAND): 200, 400 mg/5 mL Tablet, DR: 250, 333 (BRAND), 500 mg (BRAND) Tablet, as base/stearate: 250, 500 mg Capsule, as base/stearate: 250 mg Tablet, as ethylsuccinate: 400 mg	250-500 mg BID 4x daily	4000 mg	Gastric stasis-induced n/v Useful in pulmonary infections; causes GI upset and diarrhea Give IR on empty stomach	\$4-\$8	Tier 1
Haloperidol	Haldol Tablet: 0.5, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 mg Solution as lactate, oral: 2 mg/mL Solution, injection as lactate: 5 mg/mL	0.5-5 mg Q6- 12h	100 mg	Drug of choice for opioid-induced n/v Can be given PO, SL, PR, IM Useful when benzodiazepines fail Do not use in patients with Parkinson's Low sedation	\$1	Tier 1

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Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Meclizine	Antivert, Bonine, Dramamine Tablet: 12.5, 25, 50 mg Tablet, chewable: 25 mg	12.5-50 mg Q8-12h		Movement-induced n/v Anticholinergic; may cause dizziness or drowsiness	\$3-\$5	Tier 1
Metoclopramide	Reglan Tablet: 5, 10 mg Solution, oral: 5 mg/5 mL	5-10 mg 4x daily	60 mg 30 mg (elderly)	Gastric stasis-induced n/v Avoid in patients with Parkinson's; monitor for EPS and agitation; Decr. dose 50% in elderly pts; give 30min before meals. CrCl 41-50: decr. dose 25% CrCl 10-40: decr. dose 50%	\$1	Tier 1
Prochlorperazine	Compazine Tablet: 5, 10 mg Suppository, rectal: 25 mg	5-10 mg PO or 25 mg PR Q4-8h	150 mg	Constant/intermittent/unknown cause n/v Do not use in patients with Parkinson's Less sedating than promethazine	\$3-\$9	Tier 1
Promethazine	Phenergan Tablet: 12.5, 25, 50 mg Solution, oral: 6.25 mg/5 mL Suppository, rectal: 25 mg	12.5-25 mg Q4-6h	150 mg	Preferred in patients with Parkinson's Use with caution in the Elderly More sedating than Prochlorperazine	\$2-\$14	Tier 1
Olanzapine	Zyprexa, Zyprexa Zydis Tablet: 2.5, 5, 7.5, 10, 15 mg, 20 mg ODT: 5, 10, 15, 20 mg	2.5-5 mg daily	20 mg	May cause hyperglycemia	\$3 ODT: \$21- \$40	Tier 2 ODT: TIER 3
Ondansetron	Zofran, Zofran ODT Tablet: 4, 8, 16, 24 mg ODT: 4, 8 mg Solution, oral: 4 mg/5 mL Solution, injection: 4 mg/2 mL	4-8 mg Q8hr	32 mg	Only indicated for chemotherapy induced nausea/vomiting Child-Pugh Class C: max 8 mg/24h Can be given IV, IM	\$3-\$4 ODT: \$39- \$65	Tier 2 ODT: Tier 3
Trimethobenzamide	Tigan Tablet: 250, 300 mg	250-300 mg Q6-8hr PRN		CrCl <70: consider decr. dose amt or freq		Tier 2
Dronabinol	Marinol Capsule: 2.5, 5, 10 mg	2.5 mg BID	20 mg	Also indicated as AIDs-related appetite stimulant	\$12-\$25	Tier 3
Glycopyrrolate PO	Robinul Tablet: 1, 2 mg	1-2 mg Q4- 12h	8 mg	Movement-induced n/v Reserve for patients who develop confusion on anticholinergic therapy	\$5-\$8	Tier 3
Granisetron	Kytril Tablet: 1 mg	2 mg Q6-8hr		Only indicated for chemotherapy induced nausea/vomiting Not preferred	\$3 (per tabl	Tier 3

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Nausea/Vomiting Cont.

Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Scopolamine	Transderm Scop 1.5 mg patch (releases 1mg over 72 hours)	1 patch TD Q3d	3 patches	May cause blurred vision/ confusion; titrate difficult; do not use if phlegm or mucus is present; may cause mucus plug	\$4	Tier 3

Pain – Nociceptive

Pain - Nociceptive (Mild)

Acetaminophen	Tylenol Tablet: 325, 500 mg Tablet, chewable: 80, 160 mg Caplet/Gelcap: 500 mg Caplet/Gelcap, extended release: 650 mg Liquid, oral: 500 mg/15 mL, 160 mg/5 mL Suppository: 120, 650 mg	500-1000 mg Q4-6h	4000 mg	Max of 3000mg for elderly Max of 2000 mg for patients with hepatic impairment	¢-\$3	Tier 1
Aspirin	Aspirin Tablet: 81, 325, 500, 650 mg Supp: 300, 600 mg	325-650 mg Q4hr PRN	4000 mg	Monitor for antiplatelet effects	¢	Tier 1
Dexamethasone	Decadron Solution, oral: 1 mg/mL Tablet: 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1, 1.5, 2, 4, 6 mg	2-16 mg BID	40 mg	Can cause GI upset. Use with caution for patients with diabetes due to resultant hyperglycemia. Give last dose by 2pm to avoid steroid-induced insomnia. May be given SubQ, IM, IV	¢-\$2	Tier 1
Ibuprofen	Motrin, Advil Tablet: 200 mg [OTC], 400, 600, 800 mg Capsule/Gelcap: 200 mg [OTC] Suspension: 100 mg/5 mL Drops, oral: 40 mg/mL Chewable: 50, 100 mg	400-800 mg Q6h	3200 mg	Take with food/milk; may cause GI upset; monitor concomitant use with corticosteroids Caution if cardiovascular dz, CHF, HTN	¢	Tier 1
Indomethacin	Indocin Capsule: 25, 50mg Capsule, ER: 75 mg Suppository, rectal: 50 mg Suspension (BRAND): 25 mg/5 mL	25 mg Q8-12hr	200 mg	Only NSAID that can cross blood brain barrier	\$2	Tier 1
Meloxicam	Mobic Tablet: 7.5, 15 mg Suspension: 7.5 mg/5 mL	7.5-15 mg daily	15 mg	COX-1 and -2 mixed inhibitor CrCl <15: avoid use	\$3-\$5	Tier 1
Naproxen	Naprosyn Tablet: 250, 375, 500 mg Suspension: 125 mg/5 mL	250-500 mg BID	1500 mg	250mg naproxen= 275 mg naproxen sodium CrCl <30: avoid use	\$1	Tier 1

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Pain - Nociceptive (Mild) Cont.						
Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Prednisone	Deltasone Solution, oral: 1 mg/mL Tablet: 1, 2.5, 5, 10, 20, 50 mg	5-80 mg 4 x daily	80 mg	Can cause GI upset. Use with caution in patients with diabetes due to resultant hyperglycemia. Give last dose by 2pm to avoid steroid-induced insomnia. Do NOT use in patients with CHF or water retention (use dexamethasone instead).	¢	Tier 1
Choline Magnesium Trisalicylate	Solution, oral: 500 mg/5 mL	1000 mg Q12h	4500 mg	Do not use in salicylate or aspirin allergy; may cause tinnitus; less GI effects Advanced CRI: contraindicated	\$5	Tier 2
Methylprednisolone	Tablets: 2, 4, 8, 16, 32 mg Dose pack: Containing 21 tablets x 4mg	4-60 mg daily; Larger doses require BID dosing	60 mg	Subcategory: COPD (Obstructive) GI upset can occur. Use with caution in patients with diabetes due to resultant hyperglycemia. DO NOT use in patients with CHF or water retention (use dexamethasone instead). Usual directions for use spread over 6 days (Medrol Dose Pack) : 24mg on Day 1, 20 mg on Day 2, 16 mg on Day 3, 12 mg on Day 4, 8 mg on Day 5, 4 mg on Day 6	\$3-\$4	Tier 2
Celecoxib	Celebrex Capsule: 50, 100, 200, 400mg	100-200 mg daily	800 mg	Caution with sulfa allergy and for patients who have experienced a recent GI bleed Severe renal impairment: avoid use	\$6-\$15	Tier 3
Pain - Nociceptive (Moderate)						
Hydrocodone/APAP (CII)	Vicodin, Lortab Tablet: various, most common: 5 mg/500 mg, 7.5 mg/750 mg, 10 mg/660 mg Elixir: 7.5 mg/500 mg/15 mL	1-2 tabs Q4-6h	4000 mg of APAP. 3000 mg (elderly)	Monitor total acetaminophen intake	\$2	Tier 1
Oxycodone/APAP (CII)	Percocet, Tylox Tablet: various, most common: 5 mg/325 mg, 5mg/500mg, 10 mg/325 mg Solution: Roxicet® 5 mg/325 mg/5 mL	1-2 tabs Q4-6h	4000 mg of acetamin. 3000 mg (elderly)	Monitor total acetaminophen intake	\$2-\$4	Tier 1
Tramadol (IR)	Ultram Tablet: 50, 100 mg Tablet, ER: 100, 200, 300 mg	50 mg 4x daily	400 mg 300 mg (elderly)	May lower seizure threshold CrCl <30: give q12h, max 200 mg/day Cirrhosis: 50 mg q12h, max 100 mg/day	\$4	Tier 1 ER Form: Tier 3
APAP/Codeine (CIII)	Tylenol #3 Tablet: 300 mg/30 mg	1-2 tabs Q4-6h PRN	12 tabs	Weak opioid; may be effective for diarrhea	\$4-\$6	Tier 2
Tramadol/APAP	Ultracet Tablet: 37.5-325 mg	2 tabs Q4- 6Hprn pain	8 tabs	Treatment should not exceed 5 days	\$2-\$7	Tier 2

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Pain - Nociceptive (Severe)						
Generic	Brand/Available Forms*	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
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Methadone (CII)	Dolophine Solution, oral: 5, 10 mg/5 mL, 10 mg/mL Tablet: 5, 10mg	Individualized	N/A	Excellent for nociceptive and neuropathic pain and for patients with renal or hepatic impairment; call clinical pharmacist for dosage	¢	Tier 1
Morphine ER/SR tablet (CII)	MS Contin, Oramorph SR Tablet, ER, SR: 15, 30, 60, 100, 200 mg	Dosed Q12h	N/A	DO NOT CRUSH; may be given rectally CrCl 10-50: decr. dose 25%; CrCl <10: decr. dose 50%	\$1-\$10	Tier 1
Morphine (IR) (CII)	MSIR, Roxanol Tablet: 15, 30 mg Solution, oral: 10 mg/5 mL, 20 mg/5mL, 20 mg/mL	Q2h PRN	N/A	Dosage for SOB is 5-10 mg Q2h prn SubQ: 5-15 mg SubQ q2-4h prn CrCl 10-50: decr. Dose 25%; CrCl <10: decr. Dose 50%	\$2	Tier 1
Oxycodone (IR) (CII)	OxyIR Tablet: 5, 15, 20, 30 mg Capsule: 5 mg Solution, oral: 20 mg/mL	Dosed Q2hr PRN	N/A	Dosage for SOB is 5-10 mg Q2h prn; preferred for patients with severe renal impairment	Tabs: \$2.50 Solution: \$10-\$40	Tier 1 Solution: Tier 2
Hydromorphone (CII)	Dilaudid Solution, oral (BRAND): 1 mg/mL Suppository, rectal: 3 mg Tablet: 2, 4, 8 mg	Dosed Q4-6h	N/A	Option for patients on high dose morphine and not able to use methadone	\$5	Tier 2
Fentanyl (CII)	Duragesic patch, Actiq, Fentora, Sublimaze Transdermal Patch: 12.5 mcg/h, 25 mcg/h; 50 mcg/h, 75 mcg/h, 100 mcg/h Transmucosal Lozenge (BRAND): 200, 400, 800, 1200, 1600 mcg Buccal tablet (BRAND): 100, 200, 400, 600, 800 mcg	Patch changed Q72h	Opioid naive 25 mcg Lozenge: 2 doses/episode; 4 doses/day	Adequate fat tissue required to absorb medication from patch; difficult to titrate; do NOT cut patches. Solution, injectable: Liquid given ORALLY for ESRD patients only.	Patch: \$6-\$15 Lozenge: \$33-\$98 Buccal: \$52-\$151	Tier 3
Morphine SR Capsule (CII)	Avinza Capsule, ER (BRAND): 30, 60, 90, 120 mg	Dosed Q24h	N/A	Avoid in patients with severe renal or hepatic impairment; do NOT crush; may administer per peg tube or sprinkle on soft food	\$10-\$33	Tier 3
Oxycodone SR (CII)	OxyContin Tablet, ER/CR: 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 60, 80 mg	Dosed Q12h	N/A	DO NOT CRUSH; non-preferred	\$5-\$28	Tier 3

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Pain – Neuropathic

Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Carbamazepine	Tegretol Tablet, chewable: 100 mg Tablet, ER: 100, 200, 400 mg Suspension, oral: 100 mg/5 mL	100-400 mg BID 4x daily	1600 mg	Subcategory: Brain cancer Can be given rectally DO NOT CRUSH ER tablets Give with food. CrCl <10: decr. dose 25%	\$1-\$2	Tier 1
Desipramine	Norpramin Tablet: 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150 mg	10-150 mg QHS	300 mg	Also expected to improve sleep and mood; least anticholinergic effect; max in elderly is 150 mg per day	\$1	Tier 1
Divalproex Sodium	Depakote, Depakote Sprinkles Tablet, DR: 125, 250, 500 mg Tablet, ER: 250, 500 mg Capsule, DR: 125 mg	15 mg/kg/day	60 mg/kg/day	Give with food; may open and sprinkle capsules on food. Divalproex sodium ER and DR tabs not bioequivalent; incr. total daily dose by 8-20% if switching from DR tab to ER tab. Hepatic dz/significant impairment: contraindicated	\$2	Tier 1
Gabapentin	Neurontin Capsule: 100, 300, 400 mg Solution, oral: 250 mg/ 5 mL Tablet: 600, 800 mg	100 mg TID and titrate Q72h	3600 mg	Must titrate up and down; may cause memory loss; very sedating CrCl 30-60: 200-700 mg bid; CrCl 16-29: 200-700 mg daily; CrCl 15: 100-300 mg daily; CrCl <15: decr. Dose proportionately to CrCl	\$1-\$3	Tier 1
Imipramine	Tablet: 50mg Capsule: 75, 100, 125, 150 mg	25-150 mg QHS	200 mg (100 mg for elderly)	Also expected to improve sleep and mood. Not preferred TCA in elderly (see desipramine). Daily dose may be given in two divided doses. Requires taper off to avoid withdrawal symptoms.	Tablet \$1 Capsule: \$11	Tier 1 Capsule: Tier 3
Methadone (CII)	Dolophine Solution, oral: 5, 10 mg/5 mL, 10 mg/mL Tablet: 5, 10mg	Individualized	N/A	Excellent for nociceptive and neuropathic pain and for patients with renal or hepatic impairment; call clinical pharmacist for dosage	¢	Tier 1
Nortriptyline	Pamelor Capsule: 10, 25, 50, 75 mg Solution, oral: 10 mg/5 mL	10-150 mg QHS	150 mg	Also expected to improve sleep and mood; start at lowest dose possible	\$1	Tier 1

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Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Valproic Acid	Depakene Syrup, as valproic acid: 250 mg/5 mL Capsule, as valproic acid: 250 mg	250 mg QHS x 7 days, Then 500 mg QHS	60 mg/kg/day	Drug levels required for seizures only; DO NOT CRUSH ER FORMS; Depakene may be given rectally	\$3	Tier 1
Amitriptyline	Elavil Tablet: 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150 mg	10-15 mg QHS	300 mg	Also expected to improve sleep and mood; increases risk of falls	¢-\$1	Tier 2
Duloxetine	Cymbalta Capsule, DR (BRAND): 20, 30, 60 mg	60 mg daily	120 mg	Useful to treat neuropathic pain Do not cut/crush/chew/sprinkle CrCl <30: avoid use	\$6	Tier 3
Ketamine	Ketalar Solution for Injection; 10 mg/ml, 50 mg/ml, 100 mg/ml	Consult with ProCare Pharmacist		Can be given PO/IV; Used for sedation/nerve pain	Variable	Tier 3
Lidocaine	Lidoderm Patch 5% patch	1 patch up to 12 hrs/day	3 patches	May cut patches	\$16	Tier 3
Pruritus						
Chlorpheniramine	Chlor-Trimeton Tablet: 4 mg	4 mg Q6hr	24 mg	Take with full glass of water	¢	Tier 1
Cholestyramine	Questran Powder, pkt: 4 g cholestyramine/9 g powder Powder, scoop: 4 g cholestyramine/9 g powder	4 g 1-4x daily	24 g	Dissolved in juice or water; promotes formed stools; useful in C.diff	\$2- \$6	Tier 1
Colloidal Oatmeal/ Mineral Oil	Aveeno	Apply PRN		Very good for itchy dry skin; some formulations also contain menthol	\$8 (8 packet)	Tier 1
Diphenhydramine	Benadryl Capsule/Tablet: 25, 50 mg Elixir: 12.5 mg/5 mL	25-100 mg QHS and/or Q4-6h prn	400 mg	Use with caution in Elderly patients; causes confusion/drowsiness/dizziness; will not affect blood pressure	¢	Tier 1
Doxepin	Sinequan Capsule: 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150 mg Solution, oral: 10 mg/mL	10-30 mg QHS	300 mg	Caution in elderly; OK if bedbound; causes drowsiness	\$1	Tier 1
Hydrocortisone	Cortaid Cream: 1%, 2%	1-2% applied Topically BID		Useful if rash present; do not use on open areas	\$5 (28 gram)	Tier 1

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Pruritus Cont.

Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Hydroxyzine	Atarax, Vistaril Capsule as pamoate: 25, 50, 100 mg Tablet, HCl: 10, 25, 50 mg Solution, oral: 10 mg/5 mL	10-50 mg Q4-6h	600 mg	May cause drowsiness; use with caution in the elderly; useful in patients with Parkinson's	\$3	Tier 1
Menthol/Camphor	Sarna/Gold Bond Medicated Lotion	Apply topically PRN		OTC; offers a soothing, cooling effect	\$11 (222mL)	Tier 1
Paroxetine	Paxil Tablet: 10, 20, 30, 40 mg Tablet, ER: 12.5, 25, 37.5 mg Suspension: 10 mg/5 mL	10-40 mg daily	50 mg 40 mg (elderly, renal/hepatic)	Mechanism for cough unknown; effective for cough after 1-3 doses	\$2	Tier 1

Seizure - Active

Diazepam (CIV)	Valium Tablet: 2.5, 10 mg Solution, oral: 5mg/ 5 mL, 5 mg/ mL	2-10 mg Q6-12h		May be given PO, SL, PR; long half-life; use with caution in elderly w/ liver disease; DIASTAT RECTAL GEL: NON-FORMULARY	\$1	Tier 1
Lorazepam (CIV)	Ativan Tablet: 0.5, 1, 2 mg Solution, oral: 2 mg/mL Solution, injection: 2 mg, 4 mg/mL	0.5-2 mg Q4-6h	10 mg	Intermediate-acting benzodiazepine; may be given PO, SL, PR, SQ, IM; reduce dose if liver disease present	\$2	Tier 1

Seizure - Maintenance

Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Carbamazepine	Tegretol Tablet, chewable: 100 mg Tablet, ER: 100, 200, 400 mg Suspension, oral: 100 mg/5 mL	100-400 mg BID 4x daily	1600 mg	Subcategory: Brain cancer Can be given rectally DO NOT CRUSH ER tablets Give with food. CrCl <10: decr. dose 25%	\$1-\$2	Tier 1

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Seizure- Maintenance Cont.

Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Clonazepam (CIV)	Klonopin Tablet: 0.5, 1, 2 mg ODT wafer: 0.125, 0.25, 0.5, 1, 2 mg	Anxiety: 1 mg/day Seizure: 0.5 mg TID and titrate	4 mg (anxiety) 20 mg (seizure)	Long-acting benzodiazepine; should not be used in combo with short-acting benzodiazepine	\$2 Wafer: \$4-\$7	Tier 1 ODT: Tier 3
Diazepam (CIV)	Valium Tablet: 2, 5, 10 mg Solution, oral: 5 mg/5 mL, 5 mg/mL	2-10 mg Q6-12h		May be given PO, SL, PR; long half-life; use with caution in elderly w/ liver disease; DIASTAT RECTAL GEL: NON-FORMULARY	\$1	Tier 1
Divalproex Sodium	Depakote, Depakote Sprinkles Tablet, DR: 125, 250, 500 mg Tablet, ER: 250, 500 mg Capsule, DR: 125 mg	15 mg/kg/day	60 mg/ kg/day	Give with food; may open and sprinkle capsules on food. Divalproex sodium ER and DR tabs not bioequivalent; incr. total daily dose by 8-20% if switching from DR tab to ER tab. Hepatic disease/significant impairment: contraindicated	\$2	Tier 1
Lorazepam (CIV)	Ativan Tablet: 0.5, 1, 2 mg Solution, oral: 2 mg/mL Solution, injection: 2 mg, 4 mg/mL	0.5-2 mg Q4-6h	10 mg	Intermediate-acting benzodiazepine; may be given PO, SL, PR, SQ, IM; reduce dose if liver disease present	\$2	Tier 1
Phenobarbital (CIII)	Luminal Tablet: 15, 16, 30, 32, 60, 65, 97, 100 mg Elixir: 20 mg/5 mL	60-100 mg daily BID-TID		May be given PO, PR, IM; long half-life allows less frequent dosing CrCl <10: give q12-16h	\$1	Tier 1
Phenytoin	Dilantin, Phenytek Capsule, ER: 100, 200, 300 mg Tablet, chewable (BRAND): 50 mg Suspension: 25 mg/mL	300 mg daily	400 mg dose	Subcategory: Brain cancer Long half-life allows for once daily dosing; Poor absorption when given rectally; Oral suspension binds to tube feeds; Reduce dose in patients with hypoalbuminemia ER Capsule: Do not open/crush/chew	\$1	Tier 1
Valproic Acid	Depakene Syrup, as valproic acid: 250 mg/5 mL Capsule, as valproic acid: 250 mg	250 mg QHS x 7 days, then 500 mg QHS	60 mg/kg/day	Drug levels required for seizures only; DO NOT CRUSH ER FORMS; Depakene may be given rectally	\$3	Tier 1
Levetiracetam	Keppra IR Tablet: 250, 500, 750, 1000 mg Solution: 100 mg/ mL XR Tablet: 500, 750 mg	500-1500 mg BID	3000mg	IR RENAL DOSE: CrCl > 80: 500- 1500mg BID; CrCl 50- 80: 500- 1000 mg BID; CrCl 30- 50: 250- 750 mg BID; CrCl <30: 250- 500 mg BID XR RENAL DOSE: CrCl > 80: 1000-3000 mg daily; CrCl 50- 80: 1000- 2000 mg daily; CrCl 30- 50: 500- 1500 mg daily; CrCl <30: 500- 1000 mg daily	IR Tab: \$3-\$6 XR Tab: \$4-\$6	Tier 2 XR: Tier 3

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Terminal Secretions

Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Atropine 1%	Atropine, Isopto Oph soln: 5, 15 mL	1-3 gtts SL Q4-6h PRN		May cause anticholinergic delirium if used too early; not to be used if phlegm or mucus present as may cause mucus plug	\$2-\$3	Tier 1
Hyoscyamine	Levsin, Levsid Solution, oral: 0.125 mg/5mL Oral drops: 0.125 mg/mL Tablet: 0.125, 0.15 Tablet, ER: 0.375 mg ODT: 0.125 mg	0.125-0.25 mg Q4-6h	1.5 mg	May cause blurred vision, dry mouth, dry eyes	\$4	Tier 1
Glycopyrrolate	Robinul Tablet: 1, 2 mg	1-2 mg Q4-12h	8 mg	Reserve for patients who develop confusion on anticholinergic therapy	\$5-\$8	Tier 3
Scopolamine	Transderm Scop 1.5 mg patch (releases 1mg over 72 hours)	1 patch TD Q3d	3 patches	May cause blurred vision/ confusion; titrate difficult; do not use if phlegm or mucus is present; may cause mucus plug	\$4	Tier 3

INFECTIONS/ANTIBIOTICS

PO Antibiotics covered for infections related to the terminal diagnosis (for symptom management)

IV/IM Antibiotics – Tier 3

Amoxicillin	Trimox, Amoxil Capsule: 250, 500 mg Suspension: 125, 200, 250, 400 mg/5 mL Tablet: 500, 875 mg Tablet, chewable: 125, 200, 250, 400 mg	250-500 mg TID	4000 mg 2000 mg (renal)	Useful in pulmonary, sinus, and urinary tract infections May be given with or without food CrCl 10-30: give q12h; CrCl <10: give q24h Do not use 875 mg tab if CrCl <30	\$2-\$3	Tier 1
Ampicillin	Tablet: 250, 500 mg Suspension: 125mg/5 mL; 250 mg/5 mL	250-500 mg Q6H	2000 mg	CrCl > 50: q6h; CrCl 10-50: q6h-q12h; CrCl <10: q12h- 24h Administer on empty stomach with full glass of water	\$1-\$2	Tier 1
Azithromycin	Zithromax Tablet: 250, 500, 600 mg Suspension: 100, 200 mg/5 mL 1 g pwrdr pkt	500 mg day 1, then 250 mg daily x 4 days	2000 mg	Useful in pulmonary infections Severe renal impairment: caution advised	\$1	Tier 1
Bacitracin	Baciguent Ointment: 500 units/g	Apply topically BID-TID	5 x day; 7 day duration		\$3 (30 grams)	Tier 1
Cefaclor	Ceclor Capsule: 250, 500 mg Tablet, ER: 375, 500 mg Suspension: 125, 250, 375 mg/5 mL	250-500 mg daily x 7 days	2000 mg	Useful in optic and pulmonary infections; May be given with or without food	\$4-\$7	Tier 1 ER/ Susp: Tier 3
Cefuroxime	Ceftin Tablet: 250, 500 mg Suspension: 125, 250 mg/5 mL	250-500 mg BID x 5-10 day		Useful for optic and pulmonary infections	\$4	Tier 1

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Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Cephalexin	Keflex Capsule: 250, 500 mg Suspension: 125, 250 mg/5 mL Tablet: 250 mg, 500 mg	1000-4000 mg/day Divided q6-q12h	4000 mg	Useful in skin and pulmonary infections May be given with or without food CrCl 50-90: give q6-8h; CrCl 10-50: give q8-12h; CrCl <10: give q12-24h	\$3	Tier 1
Ciprofloxacin	Cipro Tablet: 100, 250, 500, 750 mg Tablet, ER: 500, 1000 mg Suspension: 250, 500 mg/5 mL	250-750 mg Q12h x 5-10 days		Useful in urinary tract infections IR Form: CrCl 30-50: 250-500 mg q12h; CrCl 5-29: 250-500 mg q18h; CrCl <5: not defined ER Form: CrCl <30: 500 mg q24h	\$2	Tier 1
Doxycycline	Vibramycin Hyclate, capsule: 50, 100 mg Hyclate, tablet: 100 mg Suspension (BRAND): 25, 50 mg/5 mL	100 mg capsule BID x 10d	200 mg	Useful in pulmonary infections. Give with or without food.	\$3	Tier 1
Erythromycin	Ery-tab, E.E.S, EryPed Suspension (BRAND): 200, 400 mg/5 mL Tablet, DR: 250, 333 (BRAND), 500 mg (BRAND) Tablet, as base/stearate: 250, 500 mg Capsule, as base/stearate: 250 mg Tablet, as ethylsuccinate: 400 mg	250-500 mg BID 4x daily	4000 mg	Useful in pulmonary infections; causes GI upset and diarrhea Give IR on empty stomach	\$4-\$8	Tier 1
Metronidazole	Flagyl Tablet: 250, 500 mg Capsule: 375 mg Tablet, ER (BRAND): 750 mg	500 mg Q8h x 7-14 days	1 g/dose, 4000 mg	GI upset; NO ALCOHOL within 24 hours; useful in C. diff and anaerobic infections; may crush and apply topically for odiferous wounds	\$2	Tier 1
Penicillin	Pen VK Tablet: 250, 500 mg Suspension: 125, 250 mg/5 mL	250-500 mg Q6-8h		Give 1h before or 2h after meals	\$2	Tier 1
Phenazo-pyridine	Pyridium Tablet: 100, 200 mg	100 mg TID x 3 days	600 mg	CrCl 50-80: give q12-16h CrCl <50: contraindicated Max: 3 day course	\$2-\$3	Tier 1
Tetracycline	Sumycin Capsule: 250, 500 mg	1-2 g/day div BID-4x daily		CrCl 50-80: give q8-12h; CrCl 10-50: give q12-24h; CrCl <10: give q24h Give at least 1h before or 2h after meals	\$2	Tier 1
Trimethoprim	Primsol Solution (BRAND): 50 mg/5 mL Tablet: 100, 200 mg	100 mg BID x 10 days		Useful in sulfa allergy CrCl 15-30: decr. dose 50%; CrCl <15: avoid use	\$1	Tier 1

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Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Trimethoprim/ Sulfamethoxazole	Bactrim, Septra Suspension, oral: TMP 40 mg/SMX 200 mg/5 mL Tablet, SS: TMP 80 mg/SMX 400 mg Tablet, DS: TMP 160 mg/SMX 800 mg	1 DS tablet BID x 10-14 days	6 DS tablets	Useful in pulmonary and urinary tract infections CrCl 15-30: decr. Dose 50% CrCl <15: avoid use	\$3	Tier 1
Amoxicillin/ Clavulanate	Augmentin Tablet: 250/125 mg, 500/125 mg, 875/125 mg Tablet, chewable: 400/57 mg Solution, oral: 125/31.25/5 mL (BRAND), 200/28.5/5 mL, 250/62.5/5 mL, 400/57/5 mL, 600/42.9 mg/mL (BRAND) Tablet, ER: 1000/62.5 mg	500-875 mg Q12h	4000 mg 1500 mg (renal)	Useful for pulmonary infection Must be taken WITH FOOD to avoid severe diarrhea; CrCl <30: contraindicated	\$1-\$3	Tier 2
Clindamycin	Cleocin Capsule: 150, 300 mg Capsule (BRAND): 75 mg Suspension: 75 mg/5 mL	300 mg 4x daily	4800 mg	Side effect of pseudomembranous colitis; daily yogurt intake may decrease diarrhea	\$4	Tier 2
Levofloxacin	Levaquin Tablet: 250, 500, 750 mg Solution, oral: 25 mg/mL	250–750 mg PO daily x 5–7 days		Useful in lung and urinary tract infections Give oral solution 1h before or 2h after meals. RENALLY DOSE.	\$7-\$14	Tier 2
Nitrofurantoin	Macrobid Capsule, macrocrystal monohydrate ER: 100 mg	100 mg BID x 10-14 days	400 mg	Useful in urinary tract infections Give w/ food CrCl <60: contraindicated; Ineffective at CrCl <40	\$4	Tier 2
Rifampin	Rifadin Capsule: 150, 300 mg	300 mg BID	600 mg	Discolors urine and tears orange Give on empty stomach CrCl <50: decr. dose 0-50%	\$3	Tier 2
Ceftriaxone	Rocephin Injection: 1, 2 g	1-2 g IM daily	4 g	Painful IM Injection, add lidocaine 1% to injection soln. Hepatic impairment w/ significant renal disease: Max 2 g/day	\$3	Tier 3
Linezolid	Zyvox Tablet: 600 mg Suspension: 100 mg/5 mL	600 mg Q12hr	1200 mg	MAOI; serotonergic drug interactions	\$150	Tier 3
Vancomycin	Vancocin Capsule (BRAND): 125, 250 mg	125-500 mg q6h x 10-14 days		May also mix IV powder in 30 mL water and give PO	\$140	Tier 3

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Antifungals

Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Clotrimazole	Lotrimin Cream: 1% Solution, topical: 1%	Apply BID	BID	Use for 2-4 weeks	\$15 (15 grams)	Tier 1
Fluconazole	Diflucan Tablet: 50, 100, 150, 200 mg Suspension: 10, 40 mg/mL	100 mg daily	400 mg	CrCl <50: give usual loading dose x1, then decr. dose 50%	\$5	Tier 1
Nystatin	Mycostatin Tablet: 500,000 units Suspension: 100,000 units/mL Topical (crm/oint/pwdr): 100,000 units/g	500,000– 1,000,000 units 4x daily x 10-14 days swish +/- swallow	2.4 million units	Not systemically absorbed Info: use x48h after sx resolve	Powder: \$21 (15 grams) Susp: \$3.50	Tier 1

Antivirals

Acyclovir	Zovirax Tablet: 400, 800 mg Capsule: 200 mg Suspension: 200 mg/5 mL	200-800 mg 5x daily x 5-10 days		Requires renal dosing, CrCl <25	\$4.50-\$8	Tier 1
Famciclovir	Famvir Tablet: 125, 250, 500 mg	500 mg daily TID x 7 days, depending on renal function		Most effective when started within 72h of rash onset	\$10-\$11	2

Injectables

Heparin Flush (Adult Dose)	Flush: 100 units/ mL	2-5 mL as directed	N/A	For line patency: there are a variety of dosing regimens used based on catheter lumen, access, medications used and frequency. Heparin flushes are frequently administered with saline flushes (see below)	c	1
Lidocaine Injectable	Injection: 1% Injection (PF): 1%	1-4.2 mL as directed	Dependent on Ceftriaxone dose per day	IN CONJUNCTION WITH CERFTRIAZONE IV ADMINISTRATION: 500 mg: Use 1 mL of lidocaine inj 1 gram: Use 2.1 mL of lidocaine inj 2 gram: use 4.2 mL of lidocaine inj	\$2	
Saline Flush	Flush: 0.9%: Many different sizes, but commonly used 5, 10, 20 mL	User dependent	N/A	For line patency: there are a variety of dosing regimens used based on catheter lumen, access, medications used and frequency.	c	

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Sterile Water for inj	Many different sizes, but commonly used 5, 10, 20 mL	Indication dependent	N/A	Frequently used as an admixture component of injectable products	¢	Tier 1

Topical Agents

Topical Agents - Anesthetics

Phenol	Chloraseptic Throat spray: 1.4% Lozenge: regular or extra strength	1-2 sp onto throat Q2H PRN 1-2 lozenges Q2H PRN	5 sp Q2H 2 lozenges Q2H	Spray: Keep in place for 15 secs, then expectorate	Spray: \$6/bottle Lozenge: \$4/box	Tier 1
Lidocaine	2% Gel 4% Cream 5% Ointment	Apply PRN on intact skin and to wound periphery prior to dressing changes		Wash hands after use. Systemic absorption can occur on large wounds, therefore should not be used in patients who are on class 1 antiarrhythmic drugs	Gel: \$10 Cream: \$30 Ointment: \$200 (35 grams)	Tier 1 Ointment: Tier 3

Topical Agents - Ophthalmic

Ciprofloxacin Opth	Ciloxan Opth Solution: 0.3%	Instill 1-2 drops into affected eye Q2H for 2 days and 1-2 drops Q4H for the next 5 days		Adminster in conjunctival sac	\$25 (2.5 ml)	Tier 1
Erythromycin Opth Ointment	Ilotycin	1/2 " ribbon 2x daily to affected eye	6x daily	Ophthalmic ointment	\$12 (12 grams)	Tier 1
Gentamicin	Garamycin, Gentak Ointment: 0.1%, 0.3% Solution: 0.3%	Ointment: Instill 1/2" (1.25 cm) 2-3 times/day to every 3-4 hours Solution: Instill 1-2 drops Q4h, up to 2 drops Q1h for severe infections Solution: Instill 1-2 drops Q4h, up to 2 drops Q1h for severe infections	Ointment: Up to every 3 hours Solution: up to 2 drops Q1h	Ophthalmic ointment and solution available	\$20 (3.5 gram ointment) \$30 (5 mL solution)	Tier 1

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Generic	Brand/Available Forms* Available form indicates commercial availability only, not coverage of specific form.	Dose	Max/Day	Comments	Cost/Day	Tier
Hydrophilic Lubricating Gel	Tears Naturale Ointment	Apply TID 4x daily		Useful for dry eyes	\$10 (3.5 grams)	Tier 1
Prednisolone	Acetate suspension: 1% Sodium phosphate solution: 1 %	Acetate: Instill 1 to 2 drops in the affected eye(s) BID-QID Instill 1 to 2 drops into conjunctival sac Q 1-4h	2 drops QID 2 drops Q1h	Do not abruptly discontinue. Acetate: During the initial 24 to 48 hours, the dosing frequency may be increased if necessary. Sodium Phosphate: subsequent reduction to 1 drop TID-QID may be adequate after initial response seen.	Acetate: \$54 (10mL) Sod Phos: \$36 (10mL)	Tier 1
Tobramycin Opth	Tobrex Opth Solution: 0.3%	Instill 1-2 drops Q2-4H	2 drops Q1H for severe inf	Ophthalmic solution	\$32 (3.5 grams)	Tier 1
Vaseline-sterile	Lacrilube Opth Ointment	Apply PRN	No limit	Sterile petroleum	\$10 (3.5 grams)	Tier 1
Sulfacetamide	Bleph-10 Solution: 10%	Instill 1 to 2 drops Q2-3h	2 drops Q2h	Ophthalmic Solution	\$4	Tier 2

Topical Agents - Wound Care

Sterile Water for Irrigation	Solution: 1-3 liters	Indication dependent	N/A	For general irrigation, washing, rinsing and external dilution purposes	¢	Tier 1
Trypsin, Balsam Peru and Castor Oil	Granulex Spray Vasolex; Xenaderm Oint	Apply BID	No limit	For Ulcers; debridement	Spray: \$20 (113 gram); Ointment: \$25-\$70 (30 Grams)	Spray: Tier1 Oint: Tier 3

Topical Agents - Misc.

A & D Ointment	A & D Ointment	Apply PRN	none	Also contains zinc	\$8 (4 oz)	Tier 1
Betamethasone and clotrimazole	Cream: Betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% and clotrimazole 1% Lotion: Betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% and clotrimazole 1%	Apply BID	45 grams per week	Do not use on open wounds and do not use in conjunction with occlusive dressings.	Cream: \$30 (15 grams) Lotion: \$120 (3mL)	Tier 1

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Clotrimazole	Lotrimin	Apply BID	BID	Use for 2-4 weeks	\$15 (15 grams)	Tier 1
Colloidal Oatmeal/ Mineral Oil	Aveeno	Apply PRN		Very good for dry skin; some formulations contain menthol	\$8 (8 packet)	Tier 1
Desenex	Desenex	Apply TID-4x daily			\$8 (4 ounces)	Tier 1
Dual Antibiotic Ointment	Polysporin	Apply PRN			\$10 (28 grams)	Tier 1
Eucerin	Eucerin	1-2% applied topically BID			\$15 (16 ounces)	Tier 1
Hydrocortisone	Cortaid, Hytone	Apply PRN		Useful if rash is present. Do not use on open areas.	\$5 (28 grams)	Tier 1
Menthol/Camphor Lotion	Sarna	Apply BID TID		Effective for pruritus	\$11 (222mL)	Tier 1
Neomycin/Polymyxin/Bacitracin	Triple Antibiotic Ointment, Neosporin	Apply daily TID	TID		\$4 (14.2 grams)	Tier 1
Nystatin Powder	Nystop	Apply 4x daily	4x daily	Useful as an anti-fungal for moist areas	\$21 (15 grams)	Tier 1
Silver Sulfadiazine (SSD)	Silvadene	Apply daily BID		Useful for burns and wounds	\$12 (50 grams)	Tier 1
Triamcinolone cream	Aristocort, Kenalog Cream: 0.025%, 0.1%, 0.5%	Apply 4x daily	4x daily		\$4-\$10 (15 grams)	Tier 1
Urea	Cream: Comes in many different formulations, but 10%, and 20% most commonly used Lotion: Comes In many different formulations, but 5%, 10%, 15%, 20%, 25% most commonly used.	Apply daily- TID	TID	For use in debridement and promotion of normal healing of hyperkeratotic surface lesions. Apply to affected area; rub in until completely absorbed. May cover with adhesive bandage/gauze or plastic film. Shake lotion vigorously before administering dose. All other preparations and strengths not noted are Tier 3	\$2-\$3	Tier 1
Betamethasone dipropionate	Lotion: 0.05% Cream: 0.05% Ointment: 0.05%	Apply daily- BID	BID	Do not use on broken skin	\$2-\$4	Tier 2
Mupirocin	Bactroban 2% Ointment: 2% Cream: 2%	Apply topically TID x 10 days	TID	Reserve for patients with MRSA only Limit to area <100 cm ² or length <10 cm; may cover w/ gauze	\$54 (22 grams)	Tier 3