

Low Clinical Value Medications and Alternatives

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| Excluded Medication* Brand name (generic name) | Use | Alternative Therapy | What You Should Do |
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| Antibiotic and Antifungal Agents | | | |
| Tolsura (itraconazole) 65 mg capsule | Systemic fungal infections | Generic Rx itraconazole 100 mg capsule | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Anti-inflammatory Agents | | | |
| diclofenac 1.5% topical solution | Osteoarthritis of the knee | OTC topical analgesic (ex Voltaren/diclofenac Gel OTC, Capsaicin) or oral NSAID agent (Rx or OTC) | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Duexis (ibuprofen & famotidine) tablet | Osteoarthritis or Rheumatoid arthritis | Generic OTC or Rx NSAID (ibuprofen) + generic acid reducer (famotidine) | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| fenoprofen calcium 200 mg capsule | Osteoarthritis or Rheumatoid arthritis | Generic OTC or Rx NSAID | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| | | Oral OTC or Rx NSAIDs, OTC topical analgesic (ex Voltaren/diclofenac Gel, Capsaicin), or OTC pain patches | |
| Flector (diclofenac) 1.3% patch | Acute pain control | | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Gloperba (colchicine) oral solution | Gout | Generic colchicine tablets and capsules | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Indocin (indomethacin) suppositories | Gout | Generic OTC or Rx NSAID | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Nalocet (oxycodone with 300 mg acetaminophen) tablet | Pain control | Generic oxycodone and acetaminophen tablets (with 325 mg acetaminophen) | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Naprelan (naproxen) ER tablet | Osteoarthritis or Rheumatoid arthritis | OTC naproxen | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Norgesic / Norgesic Forte (orphenadrine, aspirin & caffeine) tablet | Musculoskeletal Pain | Generic orphenadrine (non-combination) or other generic NSAID | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Orphengesic Forte (orphenadrine, aspirin & caffeine) tablet | Musculoskeletal Pain | Generic orphenadrine (non-combination) or other generic NSAID | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Pennsaid (diclofenac) 2% topical solution | Osteoarthritis of the knee | OTC topical analgesic (ex Voltaren/diclofenac Gel, Capsaicin) or oral NSAID agent (Rx or OTC) | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Prolate (oxycodone with 300 mg acetaminophen) tablet | Pain control | Generic oxycodone and acetaminophen tablets (with 325 mg acetaminophen) | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Prolate (oxycodone with 300 mg acetaminophen) solution | Pain control | Generic oxycodone and acetaminophen solution (with 325 mg acetaminophen per 5 ml) | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Seglentis (tramadol & celecoxib) tablet | Acute pain control | Generic tramadol and generic celecoxib | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Vimovo (naproxen & esomeprazole) tablet | Osteoarthritis or Rheumatoid arthritis | Generic OTC or Rx NSAID (naproxen) + proton-pump inhibitor (esomeprazole) | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Vivlodex (meloxicam) capsule | Osteoarthritis or Rheumatoid arthritis | Generic NSAID | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Zipsor (diclofenac) capsule | Osteoarthritis or Rheumatoid arthritis | Generic OTC or Rx NSAID | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Cardiovascular Agents | | | |
| Antihyperlipidemic | | | |
| Atorvaliq (atorvastatin) suspension | High cholesterol | Generic Rx atorvastatin tablets | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Fenoglide (fenofibrate) 120mg tablet | High triglycerides | Other dosage forms and strengths of generic fenofibrate | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Lovaza (omega-3-acid ethyl esters) capsule | High triglycerides | Generic OTC omega-3 fatty acids | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Niacor (niacin) tablet | High triglycerides | OTC Niacin | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Diuretics | | | |
| CaroSpir (spironolactone) suspension | Diuretic / cardiovascular agent | Generic Rx spironolactone tablets (can be compounded to liquid by a pharmacist) | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Central Nervous System Agents | | | |
| Antidepressive Agents | | | |
| Aplenzin (bupropion) ER tablet | Depression | Generic bupropion HCL ER or immediate release tablets | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Auvelity (bupropion & dextromethorphan) | Depression | Generic bupropion xl tablet | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| venlafaxine ER tablet | Depression/anxiety/social anxiety | Generic venlafaxine ER capsules or immediate release venlafaxine | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Anti-Parkinson Agents | | | |
| Gocovri (amantadine) ER capsule | Parkinson’s tremors | Generic Rx immediate release amantadine | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Osmolex ER (amantadine) ER tablet | Parkinson’s tremors | Generic Rx immediate release amantadine | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Rytary (carbidopa & levodopa) ER capsule | Parkinson’s tremors | Generic Carbidopa-Levodopa ER tablets | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder Agents | | | |
| Onyda XR (clonidine HCl) ER suspension | Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder | Generic clonidine ER tablets | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Hypnotics/Sedatives/Sleep Disorder Agents | | | |
| Edluar (zolpidem) SL tablet | Insomnia | Generic Rx zolpidem (Ambien) | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Intermezzo (zolpidem) SL tablet | Insomnia | Generic Rx zolpidem (Ambien) | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Migraine Products | | | |
| | | Generic OTC or Rx acetaminophen or NSAID; or other generic butalbital-acetaminophen combination | |
| Allzital (acetaminophen & butalbital) tablet | Migraine relief | | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Cambia (diclofenac) powder packet | Migraine relief | Generic Rx antimigraine agent such as sumatriptan (Imitrex) | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Elyxyb (celecoxib) oral solution | Migraine relief | Generic OTC or Rx NSAID (such as celecoxib capsules or ibuprofen solution) | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Onzetra Xsail (sumatriptan) nasal powder | Migraine relief | Generic Rx antimigraine agent such as sumatriptan (Imitrex) | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Tosymra (sumatriptan) nasal spray | Migraine relief | Generic Rx antimigraine agent such as sumatriptan (Imitrex) | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Treximet (sumatriptan & naproxen) tablet | Migraine relief | Generic Rx sumatriptan (Imitrex) + as needed OTC NSAID (naproxen) | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Zembrace Symtouch (sumatriptan) sc inj | Migraine relief | Generic Rx antimigraine agent such as sumatriptan (Imitrex) | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Musculoskeletal Therapy Agents | | | |
| Amrix (cyclobenzaprine) ER capsule | Muscle relaxant | Generic Rx cyclobenzaprine (Flexeril) | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| chlorzoxazone 250 mg tablet | Muscle relaxant | Immediate release cyclobenzaprine; Chlorzoxazone 500mg tab | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Fexmid (cyclobenzaprine) 7.5 mg tablet | Muscle relaxant | Generic cyclobenzaprine 5mg or 10mg tablets | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Lorzone (chlorzoxazone) 375 mg and 750 mg tablets | Muscle relaxant | Immediate release cyclobenzaprine; Chlorzoxazone 500mg tab | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Neurological Agents | | | |
| Eprontia (topiramate) oral solution | Migraine prevention or anticonvulsant | Generic Rx immediate release topiramate (Topamax) | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Gralise (gabapentin) ER tablet | Postherpetic neuralgia (nerve condition) | Generic Rx immediate release gabapentin (Neurontin) | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Horizant (gabapentin) ER tablet | Postherpetic neuralgia (nerve condition) | Generic Rx immediate release gabapentin (Neurontin) | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Qudexy (topiramate) XR sprinkle capsule | Migraine prevention or anticonvulsant | Generic Rx immediate release topiramate (Topamax) | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Trokendi XR (topiramate) ER capsule | Migraine prevention or anticonvulsant | Generic Rx immediate release topiramate (Topamax) | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |

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| Dermatological Agents | | | |
| Acne Agents | | | |
| Aklief (trifarotene) cream | Acne | Generic topical OTC adapalene 0.1%, generic topical tazarotene cream 0.1%, or tretinoin cream | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Amzeeq (minocycline) topical foam | Acne | Topical generic clindamycin 1% gel or lotion | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Doryx (doxycycline hyclate) DR tablet | Acne | Doxycycline Hyclate Immediate Release or doxycycline monohydrate IR | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Doryx MPC (doxycycline hyclate) DR tablet | Acne | Doxycycline Hyclate Immediate Release or doxycycline monohydrate IR | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Epiduo Forte (adapalene & benzyl peroxide) | Topical antiseptic/acne Topical acne cream/rosacea inflammatory | OTC adapalene (Differin gel) and benzoyl peroxide (Clean & Clear Persa-Gel 10) | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Epsolay (benzoyl peroxide) 5% cream | lesions | OTC benzoyl peroxide | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Minolira (minocycline) ER | Acne | Generic immediate release minocycline tablets | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| TargaDOX (doxycycline) tablet | Acne | Doxycycline Hyclate 50 mg tablet | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Twyneo (tretinoin & benzoyl peroxide) | Acne | Generic tretinoin cream and OTC benzoyl peroxide | Talk to your doctor about alternative prescriptions |
| Ximino (minocycline) ER capsule | Acne | Generic immediate release minocycline tablets | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Antifungal Agents | | | |
| Jublia (efinaconazole) solution | Toe nail fungus | Oral generic Rx terbinafine (Lamisil) | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Kerydin (tavaborole) solution | Toe nail fungus | Oral generic Rx terbinafine (Lamisil) | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Luzu (luliconazole) 1% cream | Topical antifungal | Topical OTC antifungal such as Lotrimin or topical generic Rx such as ketoconazole | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Vusion (miconazole & zinc oxide) | Topical antifungal | OTC Desitin + OTC miconazole cream | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Xolegel (ketoconazole) 2% gel (including combination products) | Topical antifungal | Topical OTC antifungal such as Lotrimin or topical generic Rx such as ketoconazole | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Antiviral Agents | | | |
| Denavir (penciclovir) cream | Herpes labialis (cold sores) | Generic acyclovir ointment | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Sitavig (acyclovir) buccal tablet | Oral antiviral (treatment for cold sores) Topical antiviral and steroid (treatment for cold sores) | OTC topical antiviral (Abreva) | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Xerese (acyclovir & hydrocortisone) cream | | Acyclovir ointment 5% plus OTC 1% hydrocortisone ointment | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Skin Lubricants, Moisturizers, or Barriers | | | |
| Aladerm Plus | Skin lubricant, moisturizer, or barrier | OTC topical lidocaine with emollient such as Vaseline or Aquaphor | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Ceracade | Skin lubricant, moisturizer, or barrier | OTC topical emollient such as Vaseline, Aquaphor, or Aloe | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Emulsion SB | Skin lubricant, moisturizer, or barrier | OTC topical emollient such as Vaseline, Aquaphor, or Aloe | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Entty emulsion spray | Skin lubricant, moisturizer, or barrier | OTC topical emollient such as Vaseline, Aquaphor, or Aloe | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| EpiCeram Skin Barrier | Skin lubricant, moisturizer, or barrier | OTC topical emollient such as Vaseline, Aquaphor, or Aloe | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Iliderm | Skin lubricant, moisturizer, or barrier | OTC topical lidocaine with emollient such as Vaseline or Aquaphor | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| KamDoy Rx skin emulsion | Skin lubricant, moisturizer, or barrier | OTC topical lidocaine with emollient such as Vaseline or Aquaphor | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Penlen | Skin lubricant, moisturizer, or barrier | OTC topical emollient such as Vaseline, Aquaphor, or Aloe | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Prudoxin (doxepin) 5% cream | Topical emollient | OTC diphenhydramine or topical OTC or Rx steroid cream | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Synerderm emulsion | Topical emollient | OTC topical emollient such as Vaseline, Aquaphor, or Aloe | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Wound dressings - all product types | Topical emollient | OTC Duoderm products | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Zonalon (doxepin) 5% cream | Topical emollient | OTC diphenhydramine or topical OTC or Rx steroid cream | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Topical Steroids | | | |
| Alcortin A (iodoquinol & hydrocortisone) external gel | Non-inflammatory skin disease | Generic Rx iodoquinol / hydrocortisone (Dermazene or Vytone) | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Bryhali (halobetasol) 0.01% lotion | Topical steroid lotion | Generic Rx topical steroid such as clobetasol or alternate halobetasol formulation | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Cordran (flurandrenolide) cream, lotion, ointment, & tape | Topical steroid | Generic Rx topical steroid such as clobetasol or halobetasol formulation | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Duobrii (halobetasol & tazarotene) | Topical steroid | Generic Rx topical steroid such as halobetasol or clobetasol + tazarotene Generic Rx topical steroid in cream or lotion formulation such as betamethasone 0.1% or fluticasone | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Kenalog (triamcinolone) spray | Topical steroid spray | Generic Rx topical corticosteroid or OTC Preparation H | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Pramosone (pramoxine & hydrocortisone) cream | Non-inflammatory skin disease | Generic Rx topical steroid such as betamethasone cream or ointment or fluticasone ointment | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Psorcon (diflorasone) cream | Topical steroid | Generic Rx topical steroid in cream or lotion formulation such as betamethasone 0.1% or fluticasone | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Sernivo (betamethasone) | Topical steroid | Generic Rx topical steroid in cream or lotion formulation such as betamethasone 0.1% or fluticasone | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Wynzora (calcipotriene and betamethasone) cream | Topical steroid | Generic Rx topical calcipotriene and betamethasone ointment | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Topical - Other Agents | | | |
| **DermacinRx - all product extensions/types | Topical steroid/analgesic/anti-inflammatory | Generic OTC topical analgesics, corticosteroids, or anti-inflammatory PLUS hydrating agents like petroleum jelly | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Endocrine and Metabolic Agents | | | |
| Antidiabetics | | | |
| Fortamet (metformin, ER, osmotic release) | Oral antidiabetic agent | Generic Rx metformin ER (Glucophage XR formulation) | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Glimepiride 3 mg tablet | Oral antidiabetic agent | Generic glimepiride 1 mg, 2 mg, or 4 mg tablets | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Glumetza (metformin, ER modified release) | Oral antidiabetic agent | Generic Rx metformin ER (Glucophage XR formulation) | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Corticosteroids | | | |
| Hemady (dexamethasone) tablet | Steroidal anti-inflammatory | Generic Rx dexamethasone tablet | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Rayos (prednisone, DR) tablet | Steroidal anti-inflammatory | Generic Rx prednisone or methylprednisolone | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |

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**All formulations of DermacinRx are excluded, alternatives will be dependent upon individual formulation.

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| Gastrointestinal Agents | | | |
| Bonjesta (doxylamine & pyridoxine) tablet | Nausea/vomiting | OTC vitamin B6 + Unisom | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Dexilant (dexlansoprazole) capsule | Indigestion/Gastroesophageal reflux disease | Generic Rx or OTC proton-pump inhibitor | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Diclegis (doxylamine & pyridoxine) tablet | Nausea/vomiting | OTC vitamin B6 + Unisom | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Glycate (glycopyrrolate) 1.5 mg tablet | Ulcer adjunctive therapy | glycopyrrolate 1 mg or 2 mg tablet | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| lactulose 10 gram packet | Constipation/Hepatic encephalopathy | Generic lactulose 10 grams per 15 mL solution | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Zegerid (omeprazole & sodium bicarbonate) capsule | Heart burn | Generic Rx or OTC proton-pump inhibitor + OTC Tums | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Hematological Agents | | | |
| Yosprala (aspirin & omeprazole) tablet | Secondary prevention of cardiovascular event | Generic OTC aspirin + OTC omeprazole (Prilosec) | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Nutrients and Nutritional Agents | | | |
| Dietary Management agents (such as Vasculera, Xyzbac, and others) | Dietary supplement | OTC multivitamin plus OTC CoQ10 + Rx folic acid | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Folic Acid/Vitamin D supplements (such as Folixapure, Folicate, Foltrexyl, and others) | Folic Acid/Vitamin D Supplement | OTC oral vitamin D + Rx folic acid | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Multi-vitamin dietary supplements (such as One-A-Day, Thera-tab, Therems, and others) | Dietary supplement | OTC multivitamin plus OTC CoQ10 + Rx folic acid | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Nascobal (cyanocobalamin) nasal solution | Vitamin B-12 supplement | OTC oral vitamin B-12 or Rx injectable vitamin B-12 | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Ophthalmic and Otic Agents | | | |
| Cequa (cyclosporine) 0.09% ophthalmic solution | Dry eye relief | OTC ophthalmic lubricants | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Miebo (perfluorohexyloctane) ophthalmic solution | Dry eye relief | OTC eye lubricant and generic Rx cyclosporine eye drops | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives and your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Tyrvaya (varenicline) nasal solution | Dry eye relief | OTC ophthalmic lubricants | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Vuity (pilocarpine) 1.25% ophthalmic solution | Age-related blurry near vision | Generic Rx pilocarpine eye drops 1% or corrective lenses | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Vyzulta (latanoprostene) 0.024% ophthalmic solution | Glaucoma | Generic Rx latanoprost (Xalatan) | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Xelpros (latanoprost) 0.005% ophthalmic emulsion | Glaucoma | Generic Rx latanoprost (Xalatan) | Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription |
| Xiidra (lifitegrast) 5% ophthalmic solution | Dry eye disease | OTC ophthalmic antihistamine or lubricant or Rx generic antihistamine | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Respiratory Agents | | | |
| Cough/Cold/Allergy/Antihistamine | | | |
| Ryclora (dexchlorpheniramine maleate) oral solution | Allergy relief | OTC or generic Rx antihistamine | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Ryvent (carbinoxamine maleate) 6 mg tablet | Allergy relief | OTC antihistamine | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Nasal Agents - Systemic and Topical | | | |
| Sinuva (mometasone) nasal implant | Nasal polyps | OTC fluticasone (Flonase) nasal spray or oral antihistamine + decongestant | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |
| Xhance (fluticasone) nasal spray | Allergy relief | OTC fluticasone (Flonase) nasal spray or oral antihistamine + decongestant | Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives |

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