

## Drugs of Choice (DOC) List

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*\*includes combination product of same generic drug*

<b>ANALGESICS</b>	metronidazole	atenolol*	phenytoin
<b>Short Acting Narcotics</b>	<b>Antivirals</b>	carvedilol*	gabapentin
hydrocodone/APAP	acyclovir	metoprolol tartrate*	lamotrigine
codeine/APAP	<b>BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</b>	<b>Calcium Channel Blockers</b>	levetiracetam
oxycodone IR*	<b>ADHD</b>	amlodipine*	topiramate
morphine sulfate IR	amphetamine salt combo	nifedipine/nifedipine ER	<b>Antiparkinson/Restless Leg</b>
<b>NSAIDS</b>	dextroamphetamine	diltiazem/diltiazem ER	benztropine
diclofenac	dexmethylphenidate	verapamil/verapamil ER*	carbidopa/levodopa
ibuprofen	methylphenidate	<b>Diuretics</b>	pramipexole
meloxicam	<b>Antipsychotics</b>	hydrochlorothiazide	ropinirole
naproxen	haloperidol	furosemide	<b>Sedative Hypnotics</b>
<b>Other Analgesic</b>	clozapine	spironolactone	temazepam
tramadol	risperidone	<b>Coronary Vasodilators</b>	zolpidem
<b>ORAL ANTI-INFECTIVES</b>	Quetiapine	isosorbide dinitrate	<b>Skeletal Muscle Relaxants</b>
<b>Antifungals</b>	<b>Antidepressants</b>	isosorbide mononitrate	baclofen
fluconazole	amitriptyline	nitroglycerin SL tabs	cyclobenzaprine
nystatin	bupropion	<b>Antiarrhythmics</b>	tizanidine
terbinafine	mirtazapine	amiodarone	<b>Smoking Cessation</b>
<b>Cephalosporins and Related</b>	trazodone	digoxin	bupropion SR
amoxicillin/clavulanate	citalopram	<b>Antiplatelet</b>	nicotine patch
cephalexin	fluoxetine	clopidogrel	<b>Migraine</b>
cefdinir	sertraline	dipyridamole	sumatriptan
<b>Macrolides</b>	paroxetine/paroxetine CR	ticlopidine	<b>ENDOCRINE</b>
Azithromycin	venlafaxine/venlafaxine ER	<b>Fibrates</b>	<b>Thyroid Replacement</b>
<b>Quinolones</b>	<b>Anxiolytics</b>	gemfibrozil	levothyroxine sodium
ciprofloxacin	alprazolam	<b>Statins</b>	Levoxyl
levofloxacin	clonazepam	lovastatin	liothyronine
<b>Tetracyclines</b>	lorazepam	pravastatin	<b>Hormone Replacement</b>
doxycycline hyclate	<b>CARDIOVASCULAR</b>	simvastatin	estradiol
minocycline IR	<b>ACE Inhibitors</b>	<b>CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM</b>	estradiol patch
tetracycline	benazepril*	<b>Anticonvulsants</b>	estradiol/norethindrone
<b>Other</b>	enalapril*	carbamazepine	<b>Oral Contraceptives</b>
clindamycin	lisinopril*	oxcarbazepine	<i>monophasic:</i> Sprintec
SMX/TMP	<b>Beta Blockers</b>	divalproex	<i>biphasic:</i> Kariva

<i>triphasic</i> : Tri-Sprintec	ranitidine	<b>Glaucoma</b>	<b>Antifungals</b>
<i>high-dose</i> : Ogestrel	<b>Proton Pump Inhibitors</b>	brimonidine	clotrimazole
<i>extended cycle</i> : Jolessa	omeprazole	timolol*	ketokonazole
<i>noncyclic</i> : Amethyst	pantoprazole	dorzolamide*	nystatin
<i>progestin only</i> : Camila	<b>GENITOURINARY</b>	<b>Prostaglandin Agonists</b>	<b>Anti-Infectives (Acne)</b>
<b>Oral Hypoglycemics</b>	<b>BPH</b>	latanoprost	benzoyl peroxide
glimepiride	doxazosin	<b>OTICS</b>	clindamycin phosphate
glipizide/glipizide XL	terazosin	<b>Antibiotics</b>	erythromycin
glyburide	finasteride	neomycin/polymyxin B/TMP	<b>Anti-Infectives (Non-Acne)</b>
acarbose	<b>Urinary Antispasmodic</b>	<b>RESPIRATORY</b>	mupirocin
metformin	oxybutynin	<b>Beta Agonist Nebs</b>	<b>Anti-Inflammatory</b>
nateglinide	<b>HEMATOLOGIC</b>	albuterol sulfate	<i>Low potency</i> : hydrocortisone
<b>Oral Glucocorticoids</b>	<b>Anticoagulants</b>	<b>COPD</b>	<i>Med potency</i> : mometasone
methylprednisolone	warfarin	ipratropium bromide	<i>High potency</i> : triamcinolone
prednisone	<b>OPHTHALMICS</b>	<b>Non-Sedating Antihistamines</b>	<i>Very High potency</i> : clobetasol
<b>GASTROINTESTINAL</b>	<b>Anti-Infectives</b>	cetirizine	<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>
<b>Antiemetics</b>	ciprofloxacin	loratadine	<b>Gout</b>
meclizine	erythromycin	<b>Intranasal Rhinitis</b>	allopurinol
metoclopramide	polymyxin B/TMP	fluticasone	<b>Osteoporosis</b>
promethazine	tobramycin	flunisolide	alendronate
<b>H-2 Receptor Antagonists</b>	<b>Anti-Inflammatory</b>	<b>TOPICALS</b>	
famotidine	prednisolone		

**Round 1:** Determine *classes of medications* with any *individual drugs* in the top 100 by volume lists (Drug Topics, Pharmacy Times).

**Round 2:** Consider drugs within the class for further review if all of:

1. Preferred by NC Medicaid/Health Choice without a prior authorization (PA) or clinical criteria
2. Categorized as Tier 1 by Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) NC
3. Categorized as Tier 1 by NC State Health Plan

**Round 3:** Using individual drugs remaining within a class after Round 2, perform a NC Medicaid market share analysis.\*

**Round 4:** Conduct a cost evaluation on all remaining Round 3 agents using agents within each respective class as the main cost comparators.\*\*

\*Market shares based on fill volume and cumulative percentage with NC Medicaid. Drugs that comprise 90% cumulative market share, not to exceed the top 4 drugs within the class, continued to Round 4 for cost analysis.

\*\*The cost of the medication for an uninsured patient was collected from three pharmacies for each unique drug, strength and form, with each pharmacy-drug combination being selected at random. Final determination of DOC list inclusion was based on cost relative to drugs within same class, but not to exceed a cost threshold set for all classes.

