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Low Clinical Value Medications and Alternatives

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Excluded Medication*			
Brand name (generic name)	Use	Alternative Therapy	What You Should Do
Anti-inflammatory Agents			
liclofenac 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
uexis (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
enortho (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	
lector (diclofenac) 1.3% patch	Acute pain control	patches	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
fitigare (colchicine) capsule	Gout	Generic colchicine 0.6mg tablet	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
aprelan (naproxen) ER tablet	Osteoarthritis or Rheumatoid arthritis	OTC naproxen	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
orgesic / Norgesic Forte (orphenadrine, aspirin & caffeine) tablet	Musculoskeletal Pain	Generic orphenadrine (non-combination) or other generic NSAID	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
rphengesic Forte (orphenadrine, aspirin & caffeine) tablet	Musculoskeletal Pain	Generic orphenadrine (non-combination) or other generic NSAID	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
ennsaid (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
eglentis (tramadol & celecoxib) tablet	Acute pain control	Generic tramadol and generic celecoxib	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
movo (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
vlodex (meloxicam) capsule	Osteoarthritis or Rheumatoid arthritis	Generic NSAID	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
psor (diclofenac) capsule	Osteoarthritis or Rheumatoid arthritis	Generic OTC or Rx NSAID	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
prvolex (diclofenac) capsule	Osteoarthritis or Rheumatoid arthritis	Generic OTC or Rx NSAID	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
ardiovascular Agents			
ntihyperlipidemic			
enoglide (fenofibrate) 120mg tablet	High triglycerides	Other dosage forms and strengths of generic fenofibrate	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
ovaza (omega-3-acid ethyl esters) capsule	High triglycerides	Generic OTC omega-3 fatty acids	Talk to your pharmacist about an alternative prescription
iacor (niacin) tablet	High triglycerides	OTC Niacin	Talk to your pharmacist about over the counter alternatives
oszet (ezetimibe & rosuvastatin) tablet	High cholesterol	Generic ezetimibe + generic rosuvastatin	Talk to your doctor about over the counter unematives
iuretics	High cholesteror	Generic ezetimbe + generic rosuvastatin	Taik to your doctor about an alternative prescription
aroSpir (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
	Diuretic / carulovascular agent	Generic RX spirorolactorie tablets (can be compounded to induid by a pharmacist)	Taik to your doctor about an alternative prescription
entral Nervous System Agents			
ntidepressive Agents			
plenzin (bupropion) ER tablet	Depression	Generic bupropion HCL ER or immediate release tablets	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
uvelity (bupropion & dextromethorphan)	Depression	Generic buproprion xI tablet	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
enlafaxine ER tablet	Depression/anxiety/social anxiety	Generic venlafaxine ER capsules or immediate release venlafaxine	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
nti-Parkinson Agents			
ocovri (amantadine) ER capsule	Parkinson's tremors	Generic Rx immediate release amantadine	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
smolex ER (amantadine) ER tablet	Parkinson's tremors	Generic Rx immediate release amantadine	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
ytary (carbidopa & levodopa) ER capsule	Parkinson's tremors	Generic Carbidopa-Levodopa ER tablets	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
ypnotics/Sedatives/Sleep Disorder Agents			· •••• •• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
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dluar (zolpidem) SL tablet	Insomnia	Generic Rx zolpidem (Ambien)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
termezzo (zolpidem) SL tablet	Insomnia	Generic Rx zolpidem (Ambien)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
igraine Products			
Izital (acetaminophen & butalbital) tablet	Migraine relief	Generic OTC or Rx acetaminophen or NSAID; or other generic butalbital-acetaminophen combination	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
ambia (diclofenac) powder packet	Migraine relief	Generic Rx antimigraine agent such as sumatriptan (Imitrex)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
yxyb (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
nzetra Xsail (sumatriptan) nasal powder	Migraine relief	Generic Rx antimigraine agent such as sumatriptan (Imitrex)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
osymra (sumatriptan) nasal spray	Migraine relief	Generic Rx antimigraine agent such as sumatriptan (Imitrex)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
reximet (sumatriptan & naproxen) tablet	Migraine relief	Generic Rx sumatriptan (Imitrex) + as needed OTC NSAID (naproxen)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
embrace Symtouch (sumatriptan) sc inj	Migraine relief	Generic Rx antimigraine agent such as sumatriptan (Imitrex)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
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usculoskeletal Therapy Agents	Mussla adamant	Orania Du sudab antenio (Elevai)	Tolling consideration of a state
nrix (cyclobenzaprine) ER capsule	Muscle relaxant	Generic Rx cyclobenzaprine (Flexeril)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
lorzoxazone 250 mg tablet	Muscle relaxant	Immediate release cyclobenzaprine; Chlorzoxazone 500mg tab	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
exmid (cyclobenzaprine) 7.5 mg tablet	Muscle relaxant	Generic cyclobenzaprine 5mg or 10mg tablets	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
orzone (chlorzoxazone) 375 mg and 750 mg tablets	Muscle relaxant	Immediate release cyclobenzaprine; Chlorzoxazone 500mg tab	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
eurological Agents			
prontia (topiramate) oral solution	Migraine prevention or anticonvulsant	Generic Rx immediate release topiramate (Topamax)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
ralise (gabapentin) ER tablet	Postherpetic neuralgia (nerve condition)	Generic Rx immediate release gabapentin (Neurontin)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
orizant (gabapentin) ER tablet	Postherpetic neuralgia (nerve condition)	Generic Rx immediate release gabapentin (Neurontin)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
udexy (topiramate) XR sprinkle capsule	Migraine prevention or anticonvulsant	Generic Rx immediate release topiramate (Topamax)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
rokendi 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	OTC adapalene (Differin gel) and benzoyl peroxide (Clean & Clear Persa-Gel 10)	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives			
	Topical acne cream/rosacea inflammatory		······································			
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	Adic					
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 (Iuliconazole) 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	Topical antifungal	Topical OTC antifungal such as Lotrimin or topical generic Rx such as ketoconazole	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription			
AntiviralAgents		······································	· • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			
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)	OTC topical antiviral (Abreva)	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives			
	Topical antiviral and steroid (treatment for					
Xerese (acyclovir & hydrocortisone) cream	cold sores)	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, Aguaphor, or Aloe	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives			
Emulsion SB	Skin lubricant, moisturizer, or barrier	OTC topical emollient such as Vaseline, Aguaphor, 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, Aguaphor, 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			
Ilderm	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	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription			
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Kenalog (triamcinolone) spray	Topical steroid spray	Generic Rx topical steroid in cream or lotion formulation such as betamethasone 0.1% or fluticasone	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription			
Pramosone (pramoxine & hydrocortisone) cream	Non-inflammatory skin disease	Generic Rx topical corticosteroid or OTC Preparation H	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives			
Psorcon (diflorasone) cream	Topical steroid	Generic Rx topical steroid such as betamethasone cream or ointment or fluticasone ointment	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription			
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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			
Topical - Other Agents						
represe care regente		Generic OTC topical analgesics, corticosteroids, or anti-inflammatory PLUS hydrating agents like				
**DermacinRx - all product extensions/types	Topical steroid/analgesic/anti-inflammatory		Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription			
Endocrine and Metabolic Agents	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
Antidiabetics						
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Fortamet (metformin, ER, osmotic release)	Oral antidiabetic agent	Generic Rx metformin ER (Glucophage XR formulation)	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						
Rayos (prednisone, DR) tablet	Steroidal anti-inflammatory	Generic Rx prednisone or methylprednisolone	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription			

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rand name (generic name)	Use	Alternative Therapy	What You Should Do
astrointestinal Agents			
onjesta (doxylamine & pyridoxine) tablet	Nausea/vomiting	OTC vitamin B6 + Unisom	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
	Indigestion/Gastroesophageal reflux		
exilant (dexlansoprazole) capsule	disease	Generic Rx or OTC proton-pump inhibitor	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
clegis (doxylamine & pyridoxine) tablet	Nausea/vomiting	OTC vitamin B6 + Unisom	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
ycate (glycopyrrolate) 1.5 mg tablet	Ulcer adjunctive therapy	glycopyrrolate 1 mg or 2 mg tablet	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
ctulose 10 gram packet	Constipation/Hepatic encephalopathy	Generic lactulose 10 grams per 15 mL solution	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
gerid (omeprazole & sodium bicarbonate) capsule	Heart burn	Generic Rx or OTC proton-pump inhibitor + OTC Tums	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
ematological Agents			
	Secondary prevention of cardiovascular		
osprala (aspirin & omeprazole) tablet	event	Generic OTC aspirin + OTC omeprazole (Prilosec)	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
utrients and Nutritional Agents			
etary Management agents			
uch as Vasculera, Xyzbac, and others)	Dietary supplement	OTC multivitamin plus OTC CoQ10 + Rx folic acid	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
lic Acid/Vitamin D supplements			
uch as Folixapure, Folixate, Foltrexyl, and others)	Folic Acid/Vitamin D Supplement	OTC oral vitamin D + Rx folic acid	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
ulti-vitamin dietary supplements			
uch 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
ascobal (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
phthalmic and Otic Agents			
equa (cyclosporine) 0.09% ophthalmic solution	Dry eye relief	OTC ophthalmic lubricants	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
rvaya (varenicline) nasal solution	Dry eye relief	OTC ophthalmic lubricants	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
ity (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
zulta (latanoprostene) 0.024% ophthalmic solution	Glaucoma	Generic Rx latanoprost (Xalatan)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
elpros (latanoprost) 0.005% ophthalmic emulsion	Glaucoma	Generic Rx latanoprost (Xalatan)	Talk to your doctor about an alternative prescription
idra (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
spiratory Agents			
ough/Cold/Allergy/Antihistamine			
clora (dexchlorpheniramine maleate) oral solution	Allergy relief	OTC or generic Rx antihistamine	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
vent (carbinoxamine maleate) 6 mg tablet	Allergy relief	OTC antihistamine	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
asal Agents - Systemic and Topical			
inuva (mometasone) nasal implant	Nasal polyps	OTC fluticasone (Flonase) nasal spray or oral antihistamine + decongestant	Talk to your pharmacist about over-the-counter alternatives
hance (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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