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Therapeutic Interchange Program (TIP) for Selected Drug Classes

For an explanation of how the Therapeutic Interchange Program (TIP) works, please see the document titled "Can the Pharmacist Really Switch My Medication?"

This list is valid from **January 1, 2006 through March 31, 2006**. The *UMP Preferred Drug List* (UMP PDL) is updated quarterly (January, April, July, and October).

Drug class	If your provider has endorsed the PDL, and your prescription is for a drug in this column...	Then your pharmacist will substitute a therapeutic alternative from this column *(lowercase are Tier 1; UPPERCASE are Tier 2)*
Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors		
Cardiovascular medications		
	Tier 1	
	fosinopril	benazepril, captopril, enalapril, lisinopril, ALTACE
	moexipril	benazepril, captopril, enalapril, lisinopril, ALTACE
	quinapril	benazepril, captopril, enalapril, lisinopril, ALTACE
	Tier 3	
	ACCUPRIL	benazepril, captopril, enalapril, lisinopril, ALTACE
	ACEON	benazepril, captopril, enalapril, lisinopril, ALTACE
	CAPOTEN	captopril
	LOTENSIN	benazepril
	MAVIK	benazepril, captopril, enalapril, lisinopril, ALTACE
	MONOPRIL	benazepril, captopril, enalapril, lisinopril, ALTACE
	PRINIVIL	lisinopril
	UNIVASC	benazepril, captopril, enalapril, lisinopril, ALTACE
	VASOTEC	enalapril
	ZESTRIL	lisinopril
Anticholinergic antispasmodics		
Urological medications		
	Tier 3	
	DETROL	oxybutynin chloride
	DETROL LA	oxybutynin chloride
	DITROPAN	oxybutynin chloride
	DITROPAN XL	oxybutynin chloride
	OXYTROL	oxybutynin chloride
	SANCTURA	oxybutynin chloride
	URISPAS	oxybutynin chloride

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Antihistamines		
Respiratory medications		
	Tier 1	
	fexofenadine	loratadine OTC (not covered*)
	Tier 3	
	ALLEGRA	loratadine OTC (not covered*)
	CLARINEX	loratadine OTC (not covered*)
	ZYRTEC	loratadine OTC (not covered*)
Beta-adrenergic antagonist drugs		
Cardiovascular medications		
	Tier 1	
	acebutolol hcl	atenolol, metoprolol, nadolol, propranolol, timolol, COREG, TOPROL XL
	betaxolol	atenolol, metoprolol, nadolol, propranolol, timolol, COREG, TOPROL XL
	bisoprolol fumarate	atenolol, metoprolol, nadolol, propranolol, timolol, COREG, TOPROL XL
	labetalol hcl	atenolol, metoprolol, nadolol, propranolol, timolol, COREG, TOPROL XL
	pindolol	atenolol, metoprolol, nadolol, propranolol, timolol, COREG, TOPROL XL
	Tier 3	
	BETACHRON LA	propranolol hcl
	BLOCADREN	timolol
	CARTROL	atenolol, metoprolol, nadolol, propranolol, timolol, COREG, TOPROL XL
	CORGARD	nadolol
	INDERAL	propranolol hcl
	INDERAL LA	propranolol hcl
	INNOPRAN XL	propranolol hcl
	KERLONE	atenolol, metoprolol, nadolol, propranolol, timolol, COREG, TOPROL XL
	LEVATOL	atenolol, metoprolol, nadolol, propranolol, timolol, COREG, TOPROL XL
	LOPRESSOR	metoprolol tartrate
	NORMODYNE	labetalol hcl
	SECTRAL	atenolol, metoprolol, nadolol, propranolol, timolol, COREG, TOPROL XL
	TENORMIN	atenolol
	TRANDATE	atenolol, metoprolol, nadolol, propranolol, timolol, COREG, TOPROL XL
	VISKEN	atenolol, metoprolol, nadolol, propranolol, timolol, COREG, TOPROL XL
	ZEBETA	atenolol, metoprolol, nadolol, propranolol, timolol, COREG, TOPROL XL

* UMP does not cover over-the-counter (OTC) drugs, except as listed in the *Certificate of Coverage*. Loratadine OTC, the drug that substitutes for ALLEGRA, CLARINEX, and ZYRTEC under TIP, is over-the-counter and therefore not covered.

If loratadine OTC is substituted for your prescription for ALLEGRA, CLARINEX, or ZYRTEC, you will have to pay the full cost for the loratadine OTC. If you want the brand-name drug, have your provider write the prescription "dispense as written," or just tell the pharmacist you want it. UMP will cover the drug at the nonpreferred (Tier 3) rate.

If you order ALLEGRA, CLARINEX, or ZYRTEC through UMP's mail-service pharmacy, the prescription will be dispensed as written and you will pay the Tier 3 cost-share.

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Calcium antagonists		
Cardiovascular medications		
	Tier 1	
	felodipine	nifedpine er, NORVASC
	nicardipine hcl	nifedpine er, NORVASC
	Tier 3	
	ADALAT CC	nifedipine er
	CALAN	verapamil
	CALAN SR	verapamil sa
	CARDENE	nifedpine er, NORVASC
	CARDENE SR	nifedpine er, NORVASC
	CARDIZEM	diltiazem
	CARDIZEM CD	diltiazem er
	CARDIZEM LA	diltiazem er
	CARDIZEM SR	diltiazem er
	COVERA-HS	verapamil sa
	DILACOR XR	diltiazem xr
	DYNACIRC	nifedpine er, NORVASC
	DYNACIRC CR	nifedpine er, NORVASC
	ISOPTIN SR	verapamil sa
	PLENDIL	nifedpine er, NORVASC
	PROCARDIA	nifedipine
	PROCARDIA XL	nifedipine er
	SULAR	nifedpine er, NORVASC
	TIAMATE	diltiazem xr
	TIAZAC	diltiazem xr
	VASCOR	nifedpine er, NORVASC
	VERELAN	verapamil
	VERELAN PM	verapamil sa
Class II narcotics		
Autonomic and CNS medications		
	Tier 1	
	fentanyl patch	methadone, morphine sulfate sr
	levorphanol	methadone, morphine sulfate sr
	oxycodone er tablets	methadone, morphine sulfate sr

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Class II narcotics (continued)		
Autonomic and CNS medications		
	Tier 3	
	AVINZA	methadone, morphine sulfate sr
	DURAGESIC	methadone, morphine sulfate sr
	KADIAN	methadone, morphine sulfate sr
	LEVO-DROMORAN	methadone, morphine sulfate sr
	MS CONTIN	morphine sulfate sr
	ORAMORPH SR	morphine sulfate sr
	OXYCONTIN	methadone, morphine sulfate sr
CNS muscle relaxants		
Musculoskeletal medications		
	Tier 1	
	carisoprodol	cyclobenzaprine, methocarbamol
	chlorzoxazone	cyclobenzaprine, methocarbamol
	orphenadrine citrate	cyclobenzaprine, methocarbamol
	Tier 3	
	FLEXERIL	cyclobenzaprine
	NORFLEX	cyclobenzaprine, methocarbamol
	ROBAXIN	methocarbamol
	SKELAXIN	cyclobenzaprine, methocarbamol
	SOMA	cyclobenzaprine, methocarbamol
Direct muscle relaxants		
Musculoskeletal medications		
	Tier 1	
	dantrolene	baclofenl
	tizanidine hcl	baclofen
	Tier 3	
	DANTRIUM	baclofen
	ZANAFLEX	baclofen
Drugs to prevent and treat headaches		
Autonomic and CNS medications		
	Tier 3	
	ZOMIG NASAL SPRAY	AMERGE, AXERT, FROVA, IMITREX, IMITREX INJ, IMITREX NS, MAXALT-MLT, ZOMIG, ZOMIG-ZMT

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Estrogen drugs		
Obstetrical & gynecological medications		
	Tier 1	
	estradiol transdermal patch	estradiol, MENEST
	estropipate	estradiol, MENEST
	Tier 3	
	ALORA PATCH	estradiol, MENEST
	CENESTIN	estradiol, MENEST
	CLIMARA	estradiol, MENEST
	ESCLIM	estradiol, MENEST
	ESTRACE TABLETS	estradiol, MENEST
	ESTRACE VAGINAL CREAM	PREMARIN VAGINAL CREAM
	ESTRADERM	estradiol, MENEST
	ESTRASORB	PREMARIN VAGINAL CREAM
	ESTRATAB	estradiol, MENEST
	ESTRING	estradiol, MENEST
	ESTROGEL	PREMARIN VAGINAL CREAM
	FEMPATCH	estradiol, MENEST
	FEMRING	estradiol, MENEST
	GYNODIOL	estradiol, MENEST
	OGEN	estradiol, MENEST
	ORTHO-EST	estradiol, MENEST
	PREMARIN TABLETS	estradiol, MENEST
	VAGIFEM	PREMARIN VAGINAL CREAM
	VIVELLE	estradiol, MENEST
	VIVELLE-DOT	estradiol, MENEST
Hmg-coa reductase inhibitors		
Cardiovascular medications		
	Tier 3	
	ALTOCOR	lovastatin
	ALTOPREV	lovastatin
	CRESTOR	lovastatin, PRAVACHOL, LIPITOR
	LESCOL	lovastatin, PRAVACHOL, LIPITOR
	LESCOL XL	lovastatin, PRAVACHOL, LIPITOR
	MEVACOR	lovastatin
	ZOCOR	lovastatin, PRAVACHOL, LIPITOR

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Non-steroidal antiinflammatory		
Musculoskeletal medications		
	Tier 3	
	ANAPROX	naproxen sodium
	ANAPROX DS	naproxen sodium
	ANSAID	flurbiprofen
	CATAFLAM	diclofenac potassium
	CELEBREX	diclofenac, etodaolac, ibuprofen, ketoprofen, nabumetone, naproxen, oxaprozin, piroxicam, salsalate, sulindac
	CLINORIL	sulindac
	DAYPRO	oxaprozin
	DURACT	diclofenac, etodaolac, ibuprofen, ketoprofen, nabumetone, naproxen, oxaprozin, piroxicam, salsalate, sulindac
	EC-NAPROSYN	naproxen
	FELDENE	piroxicam
	INDOCIN	indomethacin
	INDOCIN SR	indomethacin
	LODINE	etodolac
	LODINE XL	etodolac
	MOBIC	diclofenac, etodaolac, ibuprofen, ketoprofen, nabumetone, naproxen, oxaprozin, piroxicam, salsalate, sulindac
	MOTRIN 400MG, 600MG, 800MG	ibuprofen
	NALFON	diclofenac, etodaolac, ibuprofen, ketoprofen, nabumetone, naproxen, oxaprozin, piroxicam, salsalate, sulindac
	NAPRELAN	diclofenac, etodaolac, ibuprofen, ketoprofen, nabumetone, naproxen, oxaprozin, piroxicam, salsalate, sulindac
	NAPROSYN	naproxen
	ORUDIS	ketoprofen
	ORUVAIL	ketoprofen
	PONSTEL	meclofenamate sodium
	RELAFEN	nabumetone
	TOLECTIN	tolmetin sodium
	TOLECTIN DS	tolmetin sodium
	TORADOL	ketorolac tromethamine
	VOLTAREN	diclofenac
	VOLTAREN-XR	diclofenac

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Oral hypoglycemics & combos		
Endocrine medications		
	Tier 1	
	chlorpropamide	glyburide ir, glipizide ir, glyburide micronized
	glipizide er	glipizide ir, glyburide micronized
	tolazamide	glyburide ir, glipizide ir, glyburide micronized
	tolbutamide	glyburide ir, glipizide ir, glyburide micronized
	Tier 3	
	AMARYL	glyburide ir, glyburide micronized
	DIABETA	glyburide ir, glyburide micronized
	DIABINESE	glyburide ir, glipizide ir, glyburide micronized
	GLUCOTROL	glipizide ir
	GLUCOTROL XL	glipizide ir
	GLYCRON	glyburide ir, glyburide micronized
	GLYNASE	glyburide ir, glyburide micronized
	GLYSET	glyburide ir, glipizide ir
	MICRONASE	glyburide ir, glyburide micronized
	ORINASE	glyburide ir, glipizide ir, glyburide micronized
	PRANDIN	glyburide ir, glipizide ir, glyburide micronized
	STARLIX	glyburide ir, glipizide ir, glyburide micronized
	TOLINASE	glyburide ir, glipizide ir, glyburide micronized
Other drugs for asthma		
Respiratory medications		
	Tier 3	
	BECLOVENT	QVAR
	PULMICORT TURBUHALER	AEROBID, AEROBID-M, AZMACORT, FLOVENT-HFA, FLOVENT ROTADISK, PULMICORT RESPULES, QVAR
	VANCERIL	QVAR

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Proton pump inhibitors		
Gastrointestinal medications		
	Tier 1	
	omeprazole rx 20mg capsules	omeprazole OTC**, PREVACID
	Tier 3	
	ACIPHEX	omeprazole OTC**, PREVACID
	NEXIUM	omeprazole OTC**, PREVACID
	PRILOSEC 20MG, 40 MG CAPSULES	omeprazole OTC**, PREVACID
	PROTONIX	omeprazole OTC**, PREVACID
	ZEGERID 20MG	omeprazole OTC**, PREVACID
Salicylates and related drugs		
Musculoskeletal medications		
	Tier 3	
	SALFLEX	salsalate

**Omeprazole OTC is an exception to the usual UMP policy of not covering over-the-counter (OTC) drugs; it is covered under Tier 1.

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A description of the Therapeutic Interchange Program (TIP)

What is TIP?

The Therapeutic Interchange Program is a state program that allows pharmacists to automatically substitute a drug that is preferred on the Washington State Preferred Drug List (Washington PDL) for a nonpreferred drug when a prescription is filled. This happens only when the health care provider who prescribed the medication has endorsed (or agreed to) the Washington PDL. The Washington PDL and the TIP program were created to save the state money on drug costs while still providing safe, effective, and less costly medications for you. As a state program that purchases drugs, UMP is required to comply with the TIP program.

How Does TIP Work?

Providers (doctors and others who write prescriptions) may choose to endorse the Washington PDL. **If your provider has endorsed the Washington PDL** and notes that substitution is permitted on your prescription for a nonpreferred drug on the TIP list, a preferred drug will automatically be substituted at a retail pharmacy in Washington State. TIP does not apply to purchases at retail pharmacies outside of Washington State.

When using UMP's mail-order service, Express Scripts must contact your provider to confirm whether to substitute a preferred drug for a nonpreferred one. Because the mail-service pharmacy is outside of Washington State, the only substitutions allowed without contacting your provider are for generic equivalents. If Express Scripts is unable to reach your provider, or your provider indicates that they should ***not*** perform the substitution, the nonpreferred drug will be dispensed, and you will pay the higher Tier 3 copay for the drug.

What If I Don't Want the Preferred Drug?

If you don't want the pharmacist to make a substitution, just tell the pharmacist not to switch the medication. For mail order prescriptions, ask your provider to write the prescription "dispense as written" (DAW). You will have to pay the higher, nonpreferred (Tier 3) rate for the drug.

What if My Provider Has Not Endorsed the Washington PDL?

The pharmacist will not be able to make a substitution (unless there is a generic equivalent) if your provider has not endorsed the Washington PDL. If you would like to get the lower-cost preferred drug, you will have to get a new prescription from your provider.

How can I find out if my provider has endorsed the Washington PDL? Ask your doctor, or you can look up your provider by name at the R_X Washington Web site at **www.rx.wa.gov**.

Only certain drugs are affected by TIP**.** For the most up-to-date list of all drugs subject to TIP, see the UMP Web site at **www.ump.hca.wa.gov**, or call UMP Customer Service at 1-800-762-6004 for a printed copy.

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