

## How Prescription Drug Prices Compare Internationally

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▼ Drug	Package size	Medicare	Norway	England	Ontario	Used for conditions including:
1 Lucentis	0.5 mg syringe or vial	<b>\$1,936</b>	\$894	\$1,159	\$1,254	Macular degeneration
2 Eylea	2 mg/0.05 ml vial.	<b>\$1,930</b>	\$919	\$1,274	\$1,129	Macular degeneration
3 Rituxan/MabThera	500 mg vial	<b>\$3,678</b>	\$1,527	\$1,364	\$1,820	Rheumatoid arthritis
4 Neulasta	6 mg/0.6 ml syringe	<b>\$3,620</b>	\$1,018	\$1,072	N/A	White blood cell deficiency
5 Avastin	100 mg vial	<b>\$685</b>	\$399	\$379	\$398	Cancer
6 Prolia	60 mg syringe	<b>\$893</b>	\$260	\$286	\$285	Osteoporosis
7 Alimta	100 mg vial	<b>\$604</b>	\$313	\$250	\$342	Lung cancer
8 Velcade	3.5 mg vial	<b>\$1,610</b>	\$1,332	\$1,191	N/A	Cancer
9 Herceptin	Per 100 mg	<b>\$858</b>	\$483	\$424	\$493	Breast cancer
10 Eligard	7.5 mg	\$217	\$137	N/A	<b>\$247</b>	Prostate cancer
11 Orencia	250 mg vial	<b>\$881</b>	\$437	\$472	\$390	Rheumatoid arthritis
12 Aranesp	500 mcg syringe	<b>\$1,995</b>	\$663	\$1,146	\$1,227	Anemia
13 Remodulin	20 mg vial	\$1,205	<b>\$3,684</b>	N/A	N/A	Pulmonary arterial hypertension
14 Sandostatin LAR Depot	10 mg kit	<b>\$1,540</b>	\$845	\$734	\$1,052	Acromegaly
15 Hizentra	1 gram vial	<b>\$80</b>	\$60	\$72	N/A	Primary immunodeficiency

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16 Synvisc	Three 16 mg/2ml syringes	<b>\$601</b>	N/A	\$320	N/A	Osteoarthritis knee pain
17 Botox	100 unit vial	<b>\$563</b>	\$178	\$216	\$284	Overactive bladder, chronic migraine
18 Erbitux	100 mg	<b>\$527</b>	\$270	\$278	\$302	Colorectal cancer
19 Abraxane	100 mg vial	<b>\$968</b>	\$412	N/A	\$426	Cancer
20 Aloxi	250 mcg vial	<b>\$205</b>	\$89	\$87	N/A	Nausea during chemotherapy
21 Lexiscan/Rapiscan	0.4 mg vial	<b>\$207</b>	\$76	\$81	N/A	Coronary artery disease
22 Tysabri	300 mg vial	<b>\$4,842</b>	\$1,870	N/A	\$2,573	Multiple sclerosis
23 Gammagard/Kiovig	1g/10 ml vial	\$76	<b>\$89</b>	N/A	N/A	Primary immunodeficiency
24 Faslodex	250 mg syringe	<b>\$907</b>	\$336	N/A	N/A	Breast cancer
25 Actemra/RoActemra	80 mg vial	<b>\$305</b>	\$168	\$160	\$144	Rheumatoid arthritis
26 Yervoy	50 mg vial	<b>\$6,738</b>	\$4,362	\$5,856	\$4,618	Skin cancer
27 Xolair	150 mg syringe or vial	<b>\$852</b>	\$463	\$400	\$487	Asthma
28 Gamunex	1g/10 ml vial	<b>\$78</b>	N/A	\$66	N/A	Primary immunodeficiency
29 Nplate	250 mcg vial	<b>\$1,399</b>	\$836	\$753	\$754	Autoimmune disease
30 Orthovisc	30 mg/2 ml syringe	<b>\$168</b>	N/A	\$102	N/A	Osteoarthritis knee pain

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31 Cimzia	Two 200 mg syringes	<b>\$2,357</b>	\$803	\$1,117	\$1,058	Crohn's Disease
32 Soliris	300 mg/30 ml vial	<b>\$6,315</b>	\$5,730	\$4,919	\$5,368	Rare diseases
33 Euflexxa	Three 20 mg syringes	<b>\$451</b>	N/A	\$305	N/A	Osteoarthritis knee pain
34 Octagam	5 g/100 ml vial	<b>\$380</b>	\$329	\$319	N/A	Primary immunodeficiency
35 Benefix	1000 unit vial	<b>\$1,451</b>	\$936	\$948	N/A	Hemophilia
36 Jevtana	60 mg/ 1.5 ml vial	<b>\$8,659</b>	N/A	N/A	\$4,618	Prostate cancer
37 Feiba NF/Feiba	500 unit/20 ml vial	<b>\$899</b>	\$652	N/A	N/A	Hemophilia
38 Emend/Ivemend	150 mg vial	<b>\$255</b>	\$84	\$74	N/A	Nausea during chemotherapy
39 Halaven	2 ml vial	<b>\$1,003</b>	\$512	N/A	\$389	Breast cancer
40 Neupogen	Ten 300 mcg vials	<b>\$2,943</b>	N/A	N/A	\$1,532	White blood cell deficiency
41 Vectibix	100 mg vial	<b>\$987</b>	\$472	\$592	\$498	Colorectal cancer
42 Benlysta	120 mg vial	<b>\$479</b>	\$189	N/A	N/A	Lupus
43 Cubicin	500 mg vial	<b>\$372</b>	\$172	\$138	\$143	Bacterial infection
44 Privigen	10 g/100 ml vial	<b>\$753</b>	\$499	\$717	N/A	Primary immunodeficiency
45 Xiaflex/Xiapex	0.9 mg vial	<b>\$3,370</b>	\$1,094	\$1,015	N/A	Peyronie's disease

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46 Torisel	25 mg vial	<b>\$1,521</b>	N/A	N/A	\$995	Advanced renal cell carcinoma
47 Cerezyme	400 unit vial	\$1,653	<b>\$1,954</b>	\$1,673	N/A	Gaucher disease
48 Pulmozyme	30 2.5 mg ampules	<b>\$2,845</b>	\$886	\$775	N/A	Cystic fibrosis
49 Adcetris	50 mg vial	<b>\$5,894</b>	\$3,887	\$3,904	\$3,854	Hodgkin lymphoma
50 Arzerra	1,000 mg vial	<b>\$4,819</b>	N/A	\$2,842	N/A	Chronic lymphocytic leukemia
51 Xyntha/ReFacto AF	250 unit vial kit	<b>\$293</b>	\$226	\$196	N/A	Hemophilia
52 Ozurdex	0.7 mg	<b>\$1,384</b>	\$1,376	\$1,359	N/A	Diabetic macular edema
53 Vpriv	400 unit vial	\$1,375	<b>\$2,367</b>	\$2,202	\$1,557	Gaucher disease
54 Firmagon	80 mg vial	<b>\$282</b>	\$181	\$202	\$203	Prostate cancer

Note: Medicare beneficiaries are responsible for paying 20% of prices listed here. Medicare itself covers 80%. Prices listed reflect a temporary 2% discount imposed by federal spending cuts known as budget sequestration. Foreign prices were converted to U.S. dollars at July 1, 2015, exchange rates. Rankings were determined by Medicare Part B payments to doctors' offices and medical practices in 2013, the latest year for which data were available. Norwegian prices include 25% Value Added Tax levied on pharmaceuticals. England's National Health Service says prices listed here are 'indicative' and may vary in some circumstances.

Source: WSJ analysis of data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; the Norwegian Medicines Agency and the Norwegian Drug Procurement Cooperation; the NHS Business Services Authority; and Ontario's Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care