

Step Therapy Drug List

Express Scripts Canada makes every effort to ensure this list is updated regularly and is as comprehensive as possible.

- Brand-name drugs are listed in CAPITAL letters
- Generic drugs are listed in lower case letters

**Please note – some drugs may be subject to other programs, including Drug Optimization Program and Prior Authorization Program, depending on carrier's set up.*

If you require more information, please contact the Express Scripts Canada Provider Call Centre at **1 800 563-3274**. The Call Centre is open Monday to Friday, from 6:30 a.m. to midnight, ET, and also on weekends and statutory holidays, from 8 a.m. to midnight, ET.

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Medical Condition – Drug Classes	Step 1 Drugs	Step 2 Drugs
Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia		
5-Alpha Reductase Inhibitors Alpha Blockers	alfuzosin doxazosin dutasteride finasteride silodosin tamsulosin	JALYN
Depression		
Serotonin Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors (SNRIs)	duloxetine venlafaxine	desvenlafaxine FETZIMA
Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs)	citalopram escitalopram escitalopram ODT fluoxetine fluvoxamine paroxetine sertraline	PAXIL CR TRINTELLIX vilazodone
Diabetes		
Antidiabetic agents	acarbose dapagliflozin gliclazide gliclazide MR glimepiride glyburide JARDIANCE metformin pioglitazone	dapagliflozin – metformin INVOKANA INVOKAMET JENTADUETO KAZANO KOMBOGLYZE MOUNJARO NESINA OZEMPIC

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	repaglinide rosiglitazone	RYBELSUS saxagliptin sitagliptin sitagliptin – metformin SOLQUA SYNJARDY TRAJENTA TRULICITY VICTOZA XULTOPHY
Biguanides	metformin	metformin extended-release
Long-Acting Insulin Analogs	BASAGLAR SEMGLEE	LANTUS LEVEMIR TOUJEO TRESIBA
Epilepsy/Seizure Disorder		
Anti-Seizure Medications	carbamazepine divalproex lamotrigine levetiracetam oxcarbazepine phenobarbital phenytoin topiramate valproic acid	APTOM brivaracetam lacosamide perampanel SABRIL XCOPRI
GERD/Acid Reflux		
Proton Pump Inhibitors	lansoprazole omeprazole pantoprazole magnesium pantoprazole sodium rabeprazole	dexlansoprazole esomeprazole PREVACID FASTAB
Gout		
Xanthine Oxidase Inhibitors	allopurinol	febuxostat
High Blood Pressure		
Renin-Angiotensin-Aldosterone System (RAAS)	benazepril candesartan candesartan – hydrochlorothiazide captopril cilazapril cilazapril – hydrochlorothiazide EDARBI EDARBYCLOR enalapril enalapril – hydrochlorothiazide fosinopril irbesartan irbesartan – hydrochlorothiazide	RASILEZ

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	lisinopril lisinopril – hydrochlorothiazide losartan losartan – hydrochlorothiazide NOYADA olmesartan olmesartan – hydrochlorothiazide perindopril perindopril – amlodipine perindopril – indapamide quinapril quinapril – hydrochlorothiazide ramipril ramipril – hydrochlorothiazide telmisartan telmisartan – hydrochlorothiazide trandolapril valsartan valsartan – hydrochlorothiazide	
High Cholesterol		
Cholesterol Absorption Inhibitors Miscellaneous Antilipemic Agents Statins	amlodipine – atorvastatin atorvastatin fluvastatin lovastatin pravastatin rosuvastatin simvastatin	ezetimibe VASCEPA
Osteoporosis		
Bisphosphonates	alendronate alendronate – vitamin D3 risedronate risedronate DR	JUBBONTI pamidronate PROLIA zoledronic acid
Overactive Bladder		
Anticholinergics Beta Adrenergic Agonists	oxybutynin solifenacin tolterodine tolterodine LA	darifenacin fesoterodine MICTORYL MYRBETRIQ trospium
Pain		
Non-Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs)	celecoxib diclofenac potassium diclofenac sodium diclofenac – misoprostol etodolac flurbiprofen ibuprofen indomethacin ketoprofen ketorolac	CAMBIA naproxen – esomeprazole

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	mefenamic acid meloxicam nabumetone naproxen piroxicam sulindac tiaprofenic acid	
Parkinson's Disease		
Dopamine Agonists	bromocriptine pramipexole ropinirole	NEUPRO
Rosacea		
Topical Rosacea Agents	FINACEA METROGEL NORITATE	ONRELTEA ROSIVER