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Pharmaceutical and Government Programs to Help Pay for Medications

Medication Programs

- Some pharmaceutical manufacturers have programs to help pay for their trade name medications.
- For example:
 - AstraZeneca Patient Choice Program
 - Pfizer Originals Program
- Programs are listed in alphabetical order.

AstraZeneca.ca

- **AstraZeneca Patient Assistance Program**
 - Have your doctor contact the Medical Information Department at 1-800-668-6000 and ask for a Drug Request Form.
- **Patient Choice Program**
 - The innoviCares card will cover up to the difference in the drug cost of many brand name medications and the generic drug. All patients prescribed any of the participating brand products can benefit from the innoviCares Program.

AstraZeneca.ca

- Patient Choice Program Continued
 - You can download a card at www.innovicare.ca.
 - innoviCares works like a drug insurance card.
 - You provide your card to the pharmacist along with your prescription at each pharmacy visit.

Genentek

- Patient Assistance Option
 - Info at <https://www.cellcept.com/patient/cost-and-financial-assistance.html>
 - Cellcept \$15 Co-pay Card Program
 - 1-877-754-7651
 - There is a link to click to download the enrollment form.

GSK

- GSK offers the Benlysta Gateway Program
- You can download the services form at https://www.benlysta.com/pdf/571046r0_ben_gatewayenrollmentform_fields.pdf
 - Patient Assistance Program for (PAP) for uninsured patients.
 - Co Pay Program.
 - Questions 1-877-423-6597

OHIP Plus

- Free prescription medications for Ontario residents 24 and under who have an OHIP card.
- Learn about it at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/learn-about-ohip-plus>
- See also Ontario Exceptional Access Program <https://www.ontario.ca/page/applying-exceptional-access-program#section-0>

Ontario Drug Benefit Program

- <https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-coverage-prescription-drugs>
- You will qualify for the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) when you turn **65 years old**. Some of you will qualify before you reach that age because you're:
 - living in a long-term care home or a home for special care, or
 - enrolled in one of these programs:
 - Home Care
 - Ontario Works
 - Ontario Disability Support Program
 - Trillium Drug Program

Pfizer Originals Program

- A thick paper holder with a pop out paper program card with a certificate number and group number on the card.
- Participating brands are subject to change. As of this revision date it includes: Accupril, Accuretic, Alese, Aricept, Aromasin, Arthrotec, Caduet, Celebrex, Detrol, Detrol LA, Effexor XR, Lipitor, Lyrica, Norvasc, Relpax, Vfend, Xalacom, Xalatan, Zolofit and Zyvoxam.

Pfizer Originals Program

- Available in all provinces except Quebec.
- Coverage and availability varies by brand and province.
- Card coverage may vary based on the patient plan.
- Use for Pfizer brand medication at little or no extra cost over the price of the generic version.
- More information at PfizerOriginals.ca

RocheCanada.com Programs

- There are several separate programs.
- Oncare
 - ALECENSARO™ (alectinib), AVASTIN® (bevacizumab), COTELLIC (cobimetnib), ERIVEDGE™ (vismodegib), GAZYVA® (obinutuzumab), HERCEPTIN® (trastuzumab), RITUXAN® (rituximab), RITUXAN® (rituximab), SC TECENTRIQ® (atezolizumab), ZELBORAF® (vémurafénib), PERJETA® (pertuzumab), KADCYLA™ (trastuzumab emtansine)
 - 1-888-748-8926

RocheCanada.com Programs

- **Compass**
 - OCREVUS™ (ocrelizumab)
 - 1-888-334-5956
- **EasyStart**
 - NUTROPIN AQ NuSpin® (somatropin)
 - PULMOZYME® (dornase alfa)
 - 1-866-887-6746
- **Inspiration**
 - ESBRIET® (pirfenidone)
 - 1-855-547-3227

RxHelp.ca

- RxHelp card programs allow patients to benefit from payment assistance on their medication.
- <https://www.rxhelp.ca/en/default.aspx>
- 1-866-794-3574
- Cameron Stewart LifeScience Canada Inc.
3470 Superior Court
Oakville, ON L6L 0C4
Phone: 416-674-0803

Trillium Drug Program

- <https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-help-high-prescription-drug-costs>
- For people who spend 3 to 4% or more of their after-tax household income on prescription-drug costs.
- To qualify for the TDP, you must:
 - not already qualify for Ontario Drug Benefit (e.g. you're under 65 years old and not enrolled in a program such as Ontario Works)
 - have a valid Ontario health card

Resources

- <http://www.cheo.on.ca/en/financialcoverage/medicationsontario>
- <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/drugs/>

In Summary

- Ask your pharmacist and doctors about programs available to you.
- Research manufacturer programs online.
- Check to see if you qualify for any of the government programs.

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