

Generic Drug Industry Facts

Generic drugs prescriptions reached almost 75% of all prescriptions dispensed, accounting for nearly \$60 billion in sales last year.¹

According to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), at least 10,072 of the 12,751 drugs listed in the agency's Orange Book have generic counterparts.

Generic drugs are used to fill nearly 2.6 billion prescriptions every year, and the industry is growing at more than 7.8%, a pace that is faster than the world pharmaceutical market, according to industry projections.²

With the generic industry ever expanding – nine of the industry's 10 biggest blockbuster drugs are going off-patent within five years³ – it is imperative generic drug manufacturers are held to the same standard as brand-name manufacturers and fully accountable for their products. Patient safety and accountability should not be determined by the generic or brand-name designation of a drug.

Drugs Expected to Come off Patent in the United States by Year⁴:

<u>2011</u>		<u>2012</u>	<u>2014</u>
Actos	Plavix	Lexapro	Celebrex
Cozaar	Seroquel	Singulair	Cymbalta
Concerta	Valtrex	Viagra	Nexium
Effexor	ZyPrexa		Risperdal
Flomax			Symbicort
Imitrex			
Levaquin			
Lipitor			
Lotrel			

¹ IMS National Sales Perspective, Moving Annual Total, Nov. 2007

² <http://www.gphaonline.org/about-gpha/about-generics/facts>

³ <http://www.mmm-online.com/no-sure-fixes-for-pharmas-patent-cliff/article/169685/>

⁴ Pink Sheet, Generic Pharmaceutical Association 2010 Annual report