



# Generic Drug Awareness




- Generic drugs are quality copies of original or “innovator” medicines developed by major pharmaceutical firms. These are the same as brand name drugs in dosage form, safety, strength, route of administration, quality, performance characteristics and intended use.
- The generic name is the official medical name for the active ingredient of the medicine.
- Generic-branded medicines are up to 80 percent cheaper.
- Six out of 10 Filipinos are opting for generic medicines over more expensive branded counterparts.
- Research shows that generics work just as well as brand name drugs.



## What is Generics Act of 1988?

The Republic Act No. 6675 also known as the Generics Act of 1988 is an act to promote, require and ensure the production of an adequate supply, distribution, use and acceptance of drugs and medicines identified by their generic names.



## Myths vs. Facts

**Myth: Generics take longer to act in the body.**


**Fact:** The firm seeking to sell a generic drug must show that its drug delivers the same amount of active ingredient in the same timeframe as the original product.

**Myth: Generic drugs are likely to cause more side effects.**

**Fact:** There is no evidence of this. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) monitors reports of adverse drug reactions and has found no difference in the rates between generic and brand-name drugs.

**Myth: Generics are not as potent as brand-name drugs.**

**Fact:** FDA requires generics to have the same quality, strength, purity, and stability as brand-name drugs.



**Note!** Health care professionals and consumers can be assured that FDA approved generic drug products have met the same rigid standards as the innovator drug.

