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**Surprises About Generic Drugs**

Four things about generic drugs may surprise you. First, most states require pharmacists to give you a generic drug unless you or the doctor demand the brand name. Second, although the FDA says generics must be bioequivalent to the brand name, they may not be precisely the same. That’s why some generics don’t work for some people but the brand name does.

Third, 80% of drugs sold are the generic version. Fourth, although brand name drugs are more expensive for us to buy, pharmacies profit little from selling them. But the pharmacy cost of acquiring generics is so low that pharmacies profit much more from the sale of generics even though the price is so much less for you and me. Surprised?


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