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**Valacyclovir 500mg, 1 gram Tablets** should be back in stock by June 1st or before and at a significant price reduction. Call after June 1st for pricing

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**More Inhalers Containing CFC's Are Being Eliminated**

Due to FDA action, more inhalers used by asthmatics are being phased out over the next 6-48 months because they contain CFC's which may be harmful to the ozone.

The affected products are

- ◆ Tilade Inhaler (Nedocromil) by King Pharma
- ◆ Alupent Inhalation Aerosol (Metoprolenol) by Boehringer Ingelheim
- ◆ Azmacort Inhalation Aerosol (Triamcinolone) by Abbott
- ◆ Intal Inhaler (Cromolyn) by King Pharma
- ◆ Aerobid Inhaler System (Flunisolide) by Forest
- ◆ Combivent Inhalation Aerosol (Albuterol & Ipratropium)
- ◆ Maxair Autoinhaler (Pirbuterol) by Graceway

Patients, using the inhalers scheduled to be phased out, should talk to their healthcare professionals regarding alternative treatments currently available.

## New Generic Items – Prices Going Down !!!

<i>BRAND NAME</i>	<i>NOW AVAILABLE AS</i>
Acular 0.5% Ophthalmic Solution	Ketorolac Tromethamine 0.5% Ophthalmic Solution
Allegra-D 12 Hour ER-Tablets	Fexofenadine/PSE 60-120 12HR ER-Tabs
Cozaar 25, 50, 100mg Tablets	Losartan Potassium 25, 50, 100mg Tablets
Floxacin Otic Solution	Ofloxacin 0.3% Otic Solution
Fosamax 5, 10, 35, 40, 70mg Tablets	Alendronate Sodium 5, 10, 35, 40, 70mg Tablets
Lamictal 25, 100, 200mg Tablets	Lamotrigine 25, 100, 200mg Tablets
Tobradex Ophthalmic Solution	Tobramycin/Dexamethasone Ophthalmic Susp
Zofran Tablets and Injectable	Ondansterone Tablets and Injectable

## Some Generic Prices Going Up !!!

The price of several generic Rx products is increasing significantly. The two that are of the utmost concern are Fluticasone Nasal Spray and Neo-Poly HC Otic Suspension and Solution.

Due to FDA action against Apotex Pharmaceuticals (a major supplier of generic Fluticasone Nasal Spray) and the fact that another manufacturer had planned on discontinuing production of Fluticasone Nasal Spray, there is currently a major shortage of this product. Effective April 25, 2010, Pharmedix will be limiting orders of Fluticasone Nasal Spray to 10 units a month. Our price will remain the same until our current stock is exhausted but be forewarned that the cost of this product has already increase to around \$35 a unit. Whether the price will come back down after the shortage is resolved is not clear.

Neo Poly HC Otic Suspension and Solution is going up to over \$17 or more effective May 1st. This is due to a major price increase by both Falcon Pharmaceuticals and Bausch & Lomb, the two manufacturers of these products. There are no less expensive alternatives with hydrocortisone available; however, ofloxacin 0.3% otic solution 5mL (generic Floxin) is now available for under \$10.

The cost of Piroxicam (generic Feldene) has increases over 10 fold. Consider switching to Meloxicam (generic Mobic) as a possible low cost replacement.

### **Merck monovalent vaccines no longer available for measles, mumps and rubella**

Based on input from numerous advisory panels, professional societies and customers, Merck has decided not to resume production of ATTENUVAX (Measles Virus Vaccine, Live) , MUMPSVAX (Mumps Virus Vaccine, Live), and MERUVAX (Rubella Virus Vaccine, Live) These products have been withdrawn from the Pharmedix catalog. Merck will continue to focus necessary resources to ensure that it can meet current and future global public health needs for their combination measles, mumps and rubella vaccine, M-M-R (Measles, Mumps and Rubella Virus vaccine Live).