



MaxorPlus Clinical Newsletter

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Duavee® ([conjugate estrogens/bazedoxifene](#)) indicated for treatment of moderate to severe menopausal related hot flashes and for the prevention of post-menopausal osteoporosis in women who have not had a hysterectomy. [Bazedoxifene](#) is a third generation selective estrogen receptor modulator (SERM). The addition of SERM to the estrogen helps prevent endometrial hyperplasia. Women taking this product should not take progestins, or additional estrogen. Dosing is 1 tablet once daily. If using for osteoporosis, non-estrogen medication should be carefully considered prior to using this estrogen-based therapy.

AWP \$ 4.454/tablet or \$ 133.63/month

Farxiga® ([dapagliflozin propanediol](#)) is a sodium-glucose co-transporter 2 (SGLT2) inhibitor. [Dapagliflozin](#) works by blocking the reabsorption of glucose by the kidney, which results in increased glucose excretion and lower blood glucose concentrations in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus. Not recommended for use in patients with moderate to severe renal impairment. It joins **Invokana®** in this class. Dosing is 5 mg once daily, in the morning, with or without food.

AWP \$ 11.568/tablet or \$ 347.04/month

Adasuve® ([loxapine](#)) is an oral inhalation formulation antipsychotic indicated for acute treatment of agitation associated with schizophrenia or bipolar disorder in adults. Due to the risk of bronchospasm, the inhalation formulation must be administered only by a healthcare professional in an enrolled facility. Dosing is a single 10 mg inhalation.

AWP \$ 174.00/inhalation

Fycompa® ([perampanel](#)) is indicated for treatment of partial seizures. Dosing is 2 mg once daily at bedtime. If patient is also receiving an enzyme-inducing antiepileptic drug, such as carbamazepine, oxcarbazepine, phenobarbital, phenytoin, primidone, or topiramate, dosing is 4 mg once daily at bedtime. Dosing is increased according to response to 4-12 mg daily.

AWP \$ 22.752/4 mg tablet or \$ 682.56/month

Velphoro® ([sucroferric oxyhydroxide](#)) is a chewable product for the management of hyperphosphatemia in patients with chronic kidney disease on dialysis. Dosing is 1 tablet 3 times a day with meals. Tablets must be chewed and not swallowed whole. The tablet may be crushed if chewing and swallowing a problem.
AWP \$ 11.40/tablet or \$ 1026.00/month

Anoro Ellipta® ([umeclidinium/vilanterol](#)) is a combination of an inhaled anticholinergic ([umeclidinium](#)) and a long-acting beta-2 adrenergic agonist (LABA) ([vilanterol](#)) that is indicated for the maintenance treatment of airflow obstruction in patient with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). This medication is not indicated for the treatment of asthma. Dosing is 1 inhalation once daily. Do not use other long-acting beta-agonists concurrently.
AWP \$ 337.14/package which contains 30 doses

Luzu® ([luliconazole](#)) is a topical azole antifungal cream. It is indicated for treatment of interdigital tinea pedis, tinea cruris, and tinea corporis. Dosing in daily for 1-2 weeks.
AWP \$456.00/60 gm tube

Vimizim® ([elosulfase alfa](#)) is a purified human enzyme for the treatment of patient with Mucopolysaccharidosis type IVA. Dosing is 2 mg/kg/dose give IV once weekly.
AWP \$ 1281.60/5 mg vial, average adult dose is \$ 3,844.80/week or \$ 15,379.20/month

[Based on Vimizim® indication and cost, we recommend restricting to a specialty pharmacy to insure proper utilization.](#)

Optiom® ([eslicarbazepine](#)) is the active metabolite of oxcarbazepine. It is indicated for treatment of partial seizures. Dosing is started at 400 mg daily and increased to 800 mg daily.
AWP \$ 23.976/any strength tablet or \$ 719.28/month

New generics available:

- [morphine sulfate SR](#) generic for **Avinza®** indicated for pain
- [doxercalcif injection](#) generic for **Hectorol®** inj indicated for hyperparathyroidism for dialysis patients
- [doxercalciferol](#) oral generic for **Hectorol®** oral indicated for hyperparathyroidism and bone disease in patients with chronic kidney disease
- [moxifloxacin](#) generic for **Avelox®** an oral antibiotic

New OTC

Nasacort Allergy 24HR® is now available over the counter. It is the first nasal steroid spray to be OTC.