

A generic drug is one that bears the name of the active ingredient it is made from, followed by the name of the laboratory that manufactures it and is identified in Spain by the letters EFG (Equivalente Farmacéutico Genérico or Generic Pharmaceutical Equivalent). Generic drugs appear on the market once the drug's patent has expired.

GENERIC ANTIRETROVIRAL DRUGS



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Generic drugs have exactly the same effectiveness, safety and quality as brand name drugs. **They contain the same active ingredient in the same dose,** which means they have the same effect on the human body as brand name drugs.

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In recent years generic versions of some brand name antiretroviral drugs have appeared.

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It is important to mention that, just like brand name drugs, generic antiretroviral drugs **have been subject to studies that demonstrate they are safe for you and effective for controlling HIV.**

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The arrival on the market of generic drugs **reduces the price of drugs considerably.** This is because there is no patent which means the pharmaceutical companies that produce them have to compete with one another commercially.

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The savings on expenditure resulting from the introduction of generic drugs in the public healthcare system has made the system is more sustainable and able to offer a better quality service.

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In conclusion, **generic antiretroviral drugs provide an option that is as safe and efficient as brand name drugs** but offer the advantage that they allow the public healthcare system to save resources.

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