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There are many prescription drug assistance programs, both through government and private drug company programs.

A good place to start is with the government web site *www.medicare.gov*

This web site provides information on programs that offer discounts or free medication to individuals in need. To find information on prescription drug assistance programs, Medicare managed care plans, and Medigap plans that offer prescription drug coverage in your area, complete the information on the site and then select “View Results.”

For more information on prescription drug coverage or the President’s Medicare Rx Discount Card Program, please look at the frequently asked questions and answers portion of the web site.



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PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The following is a list of some of the drug companies that have programs allowing patients who meet certain eligibility requirements to receive free prescription drugs. Each drug company follows a similar procedure. Either the doctor or the patient calls the company and requests information on how to sign up for the *Indigent Patient Program*. If the patient is eligible, the drug company will send the appropriate forms to fill out. The patient sends the forms back with the prescription and the company mails the patient's doctor a three-month supply.

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Abbott Laboratories \ Ross Lab 800-441-4987

Contact: Talk to person in charge of Survantal

Product available: Survanta

Adria Lab

614-764-8100

Contact: Patient Assistance Program

Product available: Adriamycin PFS, Adrucil, Folex, Idamycin, Neosar, Tarabine, Vincasar

Allergan Prescription, Pharmaceuticals

800-347-4500

ext. 6219

Contact: Judy McGee

Product available: All products including:
Naphacon A, Proine, FML, HMS, and Pilogen
Six months supply at a time.

AMEGAN

800-272-9375

Contact: Representative in charge of
Indigent Program.

Product available: Epogen and Neupogen



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Boehringer Ingleheim **203-789-4131**
Pharmaceuticals

Contact: Sam Quy
Products Available: Persantine, Atrovent,
Catapres, Combripes

Bristol Myers Squibb #1 **800-736-0003**

Contact: Indigent Patient Program
Products Available: Duricef, Cefzil, Buspar,
Desyrel, Estrace, Ovocon 35, Ovoncon 36,
Natalins, Natalins RX, Vagistat 1,
Mycostatin

Bristol Myers Squibb #2 **800-736-0003**

Contact: Cardiac Access Program,
Products Available: Capoten, Capaozide,
Corgard, Klotrix, K-lyte, Monopril,
Naturetun, Pravachol, Saluron,
Vasodilan



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Bristol Myers Squibb #3

Contact: Cancer Access Program **800-736-0003**

Products available: Bicun, Ceenu,
Lysodern, Mutamycin, Mycostatin
Pastilles, Paraplaton, Planitol-AQ,
Vespoid Blenoxance, Cytosin,
Lyophilized Cytosin, Ifex, Mesnex,
Megace

Burroughs-Wellcome

800-722-9242

Contact: Jonas Dougherty

919-248-0421

Products available: Septra,
Septra DS, Lanoxin, AZT,
Zovirax

Ciba-Geigy

908-277-5849

Contact: Jackie Laguadia

Products available: Lopressor,
Lkioreso, Lithobid, kVoltaren



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Genetech **800-879-4747**
Indigent Patient Program
Products available: Proptin, Activase,
Actimmune

Glaxo **800-glaxo77**
Contact: Laura Newberry
Products Available: All except Zantac,
Ceftin, Ventolinbeconase,
Beconase AQ, Trandate
For further information:
www.sunflower.org

For a copy of the *Directory of Pharmaceutical
Indigent Assistance*, which lists all pharmaceutical
companies and products available, contact:

Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America **800-762-4636**
1100 15th Street N.W.
Washington, D.C 20005
www.phrma.org/patients



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OTHER WAYS TO GET FREE OR LOW-COST DRUGS

Novartis (for Clozapine/Clozaril) **800-447-6673**

Eli Lilly (for Zyprexa) **800-545-6962**

Janssen (for Risperdal) **800-652-6227**

National Mental Health **800-553-4539**

Consumers' Self-Help **Ext. 256**

Clearinghouse

<http://www.mhselfhelp.org>

Medicine Program **573-996-7800**

<http://www.themedicineprogram.com>



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MEDICATION QUESTIONS **FOR YOUR DOCTOR**

To ensure that your medications will work properly and effectively, make sure that you, or your family, tell your doctor about your medical history, other medications being taken, including over-the-counter medications, vitamins and herbal products, and any side effects experienced. The United States Food and Drug Administration recommends that when a medication is prescribed, the following questions should be asked:

- What is the name of the medication?
- What is the medication supposed to do?
- How and when should the medication be taken?
- What foods, drinks and other medications or activities should be avoided while taking the prescribed medication?
- What are the side effects of the medication and what should be done if they occur?
- Is there any written information available about the medication?

MY RECOVERY NOTES



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**"You must do
the thing you think
you cannot do."**

~Eleanor Roosevelt

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