



## **FACTS ABOUT GENERIC MEDICINES**

### **What is a generic medicine?**

A "generic" contains the same medicine as the brand name medicine.

Generic medicine: ibuprofen

Brand names: Advil™, Motrin™, Nuprin™

### **Is there any difference between a generic and the brand name product?**

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) - which regulates generic medicines - makes sure a generic is proven to work the same as the brand name medicine. One difference: generic medicines are less expensive than brand name medicines.

### **Are there generics for all brand name medicines?**

No. Many brand name medicines have generics, but not all.

### **How can I find out if a generic is available for the brand name medicine that I take?**

Ask your doctor or pharmacist.