

# Pointing you towards savings



In 2019, Canadians spent an estimated \$34.3 billion on prescription drugs, with \$6.8 billion of that being out-of-pocket costs.\*

PACIFIC BLUE CROSS believes that all British Columbians deserve to have access to affordable health care, especially when it comes to prescription drugs. We developed Pharmacy Compass™ to help you “shop smarter” and save you money — no matter where you live in the province.

## Adrian can save \$79.61/month with Pharmacy Compass!

Adrian is 56 years old and takes Lipitor to help lower her cholesterol levels.



**BEFORE using Pharmacy Compass, her costs for brand-name Lipitor (20mg) were:**

(30 tablets x \$2.69/tablet) + \$10.60 dispensing fee  
= \$91.30/month



**AFTER using Pharmacy Compass, she can save \$79.61/month by switching pharmacies and using the Lipitor (20mg) generic:**

(30 tablets x \$0.24/tablet) + \$4.49 dispensing fee  
= \$11.69/month

### What is Pharmacy Compass?

Pharmacy Compass is a free, interactive online tool that can help you compare prices for the medications you need, at different pharmacy locations near you. To use the tool, visit [pharmacycompass.ca](http://pharmacycompass.ca) and follow these three simple steps to begin your search:

**STEP 1** Enter the drug name or, if you know it, the Drug Identification Number (DIN).



**STEP 2** Select a drug strength from the drop down list.



**STEP 3** Enter the location of your pharmacy (e.g., city name or postal code) and hit *Return*. Prices shown are per pill; simply multiply this cost by the number of pills in your prescription to determine the approximate cost you'll pay to get it filled at that pharmacy.

\* Prescribed Drug Spending in Canada 2019, Canadian Institute for Health Information.

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