How to Save Money on Medications and Stay Safe

The #1 reason Americans don't take their medications as prescribed is cost.

Before you turn to the Internet—where there are more than 30,000 illegal online pharmacies that sell medicines that may contain little or no active ingredients or deadly poisons like paint thinner, arsenic and chalk—**there are ways to safely buy your medicines without breaking the bank.**

First, **shop around** and talk to a local pharmacist to see if they have recommendations. People think that every pharmacy sells every medicine for the same price. That's not true! Also, consider filling your prescriptions at small community pharmacies or specialty pharmacies – they often have the best prices in town.

In addition, here are some websites we recommend to safely save money on prescription medicines:

(1) **BlinkHealth.pharmacy** negotiates with pharmacies to determine one low price for each medication and is accepted at over 57,000 pharmacies nationwide, including every major chain (except Walgreens) and almost all independent pharmacies.

(2) **GoodRx.pharmacy** collects and compares prices for every FDA-approved prescription drug at over 70,000 retail and mail-order pharmacies located nationwide; offers 100% free coupons to use at your pharmacy; and shows the lowest price available at each pharmacy near you. GoodRx is 100% free to use and requires no credit card information to utilize the discounts.

(3) **NeedyMeds.org** offers a drug discount card that can save patients up to 80% on many prescription medicines and Patient Assistance Programs that provide free or discounted medicines to eligible patients who are unable to afford them.

(4) **RefillWise.pharmacy** negotiates on patients behalf so that they have access to lower prescription drug prices at their local pharmacy. RefillWise is accepted at all major pharmacies across the country, including CVS, Costco, Kmart, Kroger, Rite Aid, Safeway, Sam's Club, Target, Tom Thumb, Walgreens, Walmart, and many others.

Before you buy medicines online, verify that the pharmacy website is *safe and legal* *by visiting* **www.buysaferx.pharmacy** *or look for the* **.pharmacy** *in the website address*