

REGARDING COST OR COPAY OR DEDUCTIBLE OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION.

We regularly get questions regarding the cost of prescription drugs from the patients and families. Please understand that the cost or copay or deductible for any prescription drug is not determined by your doctor and your doctor is unable to change the cost of medication. We are also not a pharmacy benefits expert and we cannot tell you what will be your cost or copay for any given medication.

However, in order to assist you with this confusion, we suggest that you try one or more of the following options.

1. Talk to your pharmacy regarding formulary options for your insurance plan (any other medication from the same group that might be covered better under your specific insurance plan, for example Ondansetron instead of Granisetron). If you have a copy of your insurance plan medication formulary, please bring it to your doctor.
2. Talk to your pharmacy regarding any generic medication from the same group that might be covered better under your specific insurance plan.
3. Talk to your pharmacy to make sure that they have billed right insurance company or right insurance plan.
4. Talk to the manufacturer's assistance line for any available assistance. These programs are run by individual manufacturers and you have to directly deal with them and supply then necessary information. The company will decide if you are eligible or not.
5. Call your insurance company directly to understand your prescription coverage benefits and medications that are covered in your plan.
6. Talk to your pharmacy or your insurance company to find out if you have mail order option which might reduce your copay.
7. Check cost of your medication at multiple pharmacies since cost may vary from one to another pharmacy.
8. Talk to your local senior groups, American Cancer Society or Leukemia Society to see if you qualify for any prescription help. Perform an internet search for any local organizations in your home town that might offer prescription assistance.