## Want the truth about generic drugs?

## Generic drugs are tried and true.

**Grand Value Pharmacy** 



Grand Value pharmacist Kevin White agrees, "Generics are tried and true because they're copies of the brand names that have been on the market for several years and have proven themselves over time."

Ask your local pharmacist about generics. **Rite Aid Pharmacy** 



Rite Aid pharmatist Sara Fakhoury agrees, "The FDA will only allow drugs on the market when they are safe and effective. That's why I dispense capacities."

## According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

"New drugs, like other new products, are developed under patent protection. The patent protects the investment in the drug's development by giving the company the sole right to sell the drug while the patent is in effect. When patents or other periods of exclusivity expire, manufacturers can apply to the FDA to sell generic versions. Brandname firms account for an estimated 50 percent of generic drug production. They frequently make copies of their own or other brand-name drugs but sell them without the brand name."

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## **Demand Generics!**









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