

Informed Decisions About Medical Care

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Clinton Mills' employees are among the millions of Americans who spend more than \$10 billion a year on prescription and over-the-counter drugs — and most of them are brand names. If more people used generic drugs, the savings could be as much as \$2 billion this year and \$5 billion by 1990. Few realize that generic equivalents cost approximately 50% less than their brand name counterparts. That's why it's important to consider generic drugs. They're effective and less costly!

Employees may wonder what the difference is between generic and brand-name drugs. Generic drugs are not seconds or rejects. They're called "generic" for a specific reason. Every drug has a chemical name, a generic name and a brand name. The generic name is the official name used by the federal government to register it. The company that manufactures the drug gives it the brand name.

Since drugs are considered inventions, they are issued patents that protect them against competition for 17 years. When the patent expires, the drug can be sold under its generic name. It still contains the same active ingredients as the brand name but costs less. That means if you use a therapeutically equivalent generic drug you can save

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money and still get the same medical benefits!

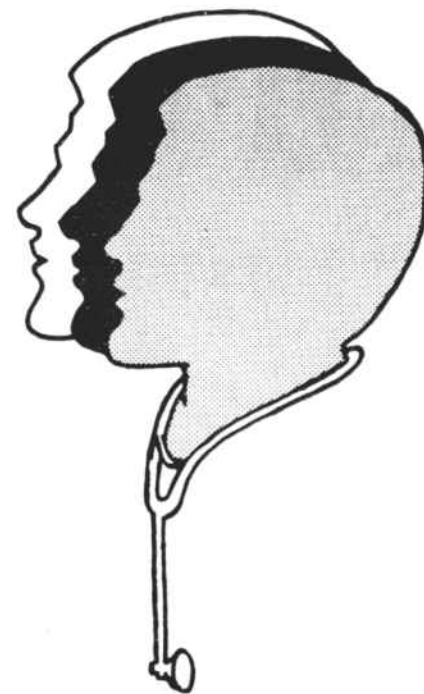
Clinton Mills encourages you to discuss using a less costly generic drug with your doctor. Approximately 90 percent of all generic drugs are made by major drug firms with generic drug divisions or companies. These companies can afford to offer less

costly generic drugs because their cost of doing business is usually less.

Most doctors are pleased to write a prescription that allows a pharmacist to substitute a generically equivalent drug. As a matter of fact, many of the 200 most commonly prescribed drugs are now available in generic form. Every state has enacted legislation to permit a generic drug to be substituted for the brand name, if the doctor permits it.

It is often wise to consider generic drugs. The American Medical Association has endorsed the use of generic drugs. Employees and their families can still get the very best medicine possible while keeping costs down. Next time a drug purchase is made, consider generic drugs and save money on health care costs!

When prescribed drugs are needed, ask your druggist to use a less costly generic



drug substitute when possible. Your plan will reimburse 100% of the generic drug cost once the deductible is satisfied.



Did you see...

Did you see.....Nancy Robinson being honored at a Textile Scholars luncheon at Piedmont Tec...Clinton employees exercising their right to vote in the November 6 General Election...Sammy Lanford telling an associate the best way to prepare a used car for painting...Connie Ammons, RN returning from Alabama Nurse's Association meeting with new ideas and information for occupational nursing...Josh Hamilton advising group of businessmen at Clinton Lion's Club meeting that imports were rising, the domestic textile industry was not growing, and jobs were being lost...Employees driving slowly by Classic Fashions store in Clinton so they could read Billy Pitts message to passersby to look for items Made in the USA...Sammy Patterson and Nancy Robinson sharing their experiences as students at Piedmont Technical College...Sony King representing Clinton Mills at 7th Annual Great American Textile Roadrace...Crafted With Pride flying at each Clinton Mills location in support of the industry efforts to promote products Made in USA...Anna and Grover McInville telling

their friends how much they had enjoyed their long association with Clinton Mills...James Craine taking it easy on the front porch of his Academy Street home and telling his neighbors about the changes that have taken place within the industry in recent years...Jimmy Holmes inquiring about the Company's Matching Gifts to education program...Mac Cunningham recalling how many years he'd been making cane syrup...

...Mitchell Moore taking a close look at new Clinton Mills 18 wheeler tractor trailer rig...Clinton warehouse personnel examining shipment of South Carolina cotton and noting how clean it appeared to be...Several Old Timers discussing how difficult it was to choose a Christmas gift from the Company, especially keeping in mind the desire to select one Made in USA...Roosevelt Kinard taking a peek into slasher size box making sure to size formula was mixed according to directions...Eva B. Land sorting through hundreds of pieces of Christmas music trying to find something special for upcoming holiday season.



Shown with Patterson, center, are Jim Switzer, of Clinton's Personnel Department, and David Taylor, who was Laurens County Senator for many years.

Patterson Nominated For SCTMA Award

Sam Patterson, Piedmont Technical College's nominee for the South Carolina Textile Manufacturer's Association Student of the Year award, was honored at a recent textile scholarship luncheon held at the school. Patterson will compete with students across the state as the association selects the outstanding textile student in South Carolina's technical colleges.

Patterson is currently completing his two

year associate's degree in Textile Management Technology at Piedmont Tec. He has been employed at Lydia since 1978 and currently works as a spinning lubricator on the second shift.

The state wide winner of the SCTMA "Student of the Year" award will be announced in early 1985. Last year's nominee from Piedmont Tec, Steve Wright, is also an employee of Clinton Mills.

Clinton Mills President Testifies Before Subcommittee

Clinton Mills President George H. Cornelison was one of several leading textile executives testifying before the House Government Operations Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer and Monetary Affairs in Rock Hill, SC, on November 18, 1984.

The hearing was concerned with import issues. It was one of several hearings called by this House Government Operations Subcommittee to explore changes in U.S. trade laws to limit textile and apparel imports.

According to Representative John Spratt

(D-SC), the hearing addressed the most critical economic issue facing our region — that of imports. The group focused attention on the import issue and solutions to effectively deal with the problem.

Cornelison answered numerous questions relating to the adverse affect imports are having on the domestic textile industry.

He also provided extensive documentation relating to loss of jobs due to plant closings brought about by imports.