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**FDA Releases Names
of Drugs Now Available
as Money-saving Generics**

EDWARDSVILLE, IL, February 13, 2009 - Each year, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approves scores of generic drugs that treat a wide variety of conditions and help consumers save money.

In a February 2009 roundup of approved generics, the following were listed:

<u>Commercial Name</u>	<u>Generic Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Risperdal	Risperidone	Treat schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, et al
Depakote	Divalproex Sodium	Treat seizures, bipolar disorder, migraines
Requip	Ropinirole Hydrochloride	Treat restless leg syndrome
CoSopt	Dorzolamide	Treat ocular hypertension & certain glaucomas
Razadyne	Galantamine	Treat dementia of Alzheimer's type

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Vicki Rolens, managing director of FACT, says: "According to the FDA, generic drugs cost 20% to 70% less than their brand name counterparts. If you are presently taking one of the above name brands, it is suggested that you contact your doctor and see if he or she is in agreement with the switch to its generic equivalent."

Generics are, according to the FDA, identical to the name brands in dosage, safety, strength, quality, performance characteristics, intended use, and the way they're administered to patients.

For more information -- including links to good sources of information about generics and prescription drug savings in general -- consumers may visit the FACT Web site: www.usafact.org

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Questions may be directed to FACT by sending an e-mail to cservice@usafact.org. More information on the Federation of American Consumers and Travelers may be found in the *Encyclopedia of Associations*, and by visiting the association's web site (www.usafact.org). [The organization was formed](#) under the not-for-profit corporation laws of the District of Columbia in 1984. Its administrative office is located at 318 Hillsboro Avenue, Edwardsville, IL 62025.

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