International Drug Price Indicator Guide

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MSH’s *International Drug Price Indicator Guide* provides an indication of pharmaceutical prices on the international market. Updated annually, the *Guide* contains a spectrum of prices from pharmaceutical suppliers, international development organizations, and government agencies.

The *Guide* aims to make price information more widely available in order to help managers procure quality medicines for the lowest possible price. Comparative price information is important for getting the best price, and this is an essential reference for anyone involved in procuring pharmaceuticals. We also include other health commodities.

With 30 new items added this year and prices from 26 sources, the *Guide* is more comprehensive than ever. The 2010 edition includes more than 1,100 items.

The 2010 edition of the *International Drug Price Indicator Guide* was produced in collaboration with the World Health Organization.

**Benefits of Using the Guide**

Readers can use the *Guide* for many purposes, including to:

- determine the probable cost of pharmaceutical products for their programs;
- compare current prices paid to those available on the international market;
- assess the potential financial impact of changes to a medicines list;
- support education in rational medicines use.

“As a health economist working on drug policy issues, I find the MSH *International Drug Price Indicator Guide* invaluable …”

*Research Fellow, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, UK*

“This *Guide* has become an indispensable tool in our efforts here to promote rational drug use.”

*Physician, National Drug Information Center, College of Medicine, Philippines*

Data from the 1996 edition to the present edition are available online at [http://erc.msh.org/priceguide](http://erc.msh.org/priceguide), along with special features to create custom lists of medicines, compare your prices, and plan a budget. The explanatory text of the *Guide* is provided in English, French, and Spanish.