

NEW DRUGS APPROVED BY THE FDA IN 1993

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Many times it is extremely difficult to keep abreast of new therapeutic agents, their dosing forms, and their impact on your practice. This list includes the new molecular entities (NME's) that were approved in 1993, the significant new biologicals, and some significant new dosage forms of drugs that were previously approved. Some of these products are not yet commercially available, but may be soon. The list was prepared by and is printed with the permission of *The Prescriber's Letter*.

BRAND	GENERIC NAME	COMPANY	DESCRIPTION
NEW MOLECULAR ENTITIES			
<i>Aceon</i>	perindopril	Ortho	ACE inhibitor for high blood pressure
<i>Alomide</i>	lodoxamide	Alcon	ophthalmic mast cell stabilizer to prevent allergic reactions; similar to cromolyn
<i>Claritin</i>	loratadine	Schering	non-sedating antihistamine
<i>Cognex</i>	tacrine	Parke-Davis	cholinesterase inhibitor for Alzheimer's disease
<i>Demadex</i>	torsemide	Boehringer Ingelheim	loop diuretic for high blood pressure or edema; similar to furosemide
<i>Dermatop</i>	prednicarbate	Hoechst-Roussel	mid-potency steroid cream; an ointment was approved earlier, but never marketed
<i>Dovonex</i>	calcipotriene	Bristol-Myers Squibb	topical vitamin D ₃ derivative for psoriasis
<i>Effexor</i>	venlafaxine	Wyeth-Ayerst	serotonin norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor for depression
<i>Felbatol</i>	felbamate	Wallace	anticonvulsant for epilepsy
<i>Flumadine</i>	rimantadine	Forest Labs	antiviral to prevent or treat influenza A infections; similar to amantadine
<i>Imagent GI</i>	perflubron	Alliance Pharm.	bowel imaging agent
<i>Kytril</i>	granisetron	SmithKline Beecham	serotonin antagonist to prevent nausea and vomiting from chemotherapy; similar to <i>Zofran</i>
<i>Lescol</i>	fluvastatin	Sandoz	cholesterol synthesis inhibitor; similar to lovastatin
<i>Leustatin</i>	cladribine	Ortho Biotech	chemotherapy for hairy-cell leukemia
<i>Lipidil</i>	fenofibrate	Fournier	fibrate to lower serum triglycerides; similar to gemfibrozil
<i>Livostin</i>	levocabastine	Iolab	antihistamine eye drops for seasonal allergic conjunctivitis
<i>Lovenox</i>	enoxaparin	Rhone-Poulenc Rorer	low molecular weight heparin to prevent blood clots
<i>Metastron</i>	strontium-89	Amersham	radioactive strontium for painful bone metastases
<i>Neurontin</i>	gabapentin	Parke-Davis	anticonvulsant for partial seizures in adults
<i>Neutrexin</i>	trimetrexate glucuronate	US Bioscience	folate antagonist for treating <i>Pneumocystis carinii</i> pneumonia in AIDS patients
<i>Omniscan</i>	gadodiamide	Sterling Winthrop	imaging agent for brain and spinal cord
<i>Orlaam</i>	levomethadyl	BioDevelopment	narcotic for opioid addiction; similar to methadone
<i>Propulsid</i>	cisapride	Janssen	GI stimulant for nighttime heartburn from GERD
<i>Risperdal</i>	risperidone	Janssen	antipsychotic for schizophrenia
<i>Trasylol</i>	aprotinin	Miles	protease inhibitor to reduce blood loss during heart surgery
<i>Zosyn</i>	piperacillin/tazobactam	Lederle	IV beta-lactam antibiotic with a new beta-lactamase inhibitor
BIOLOGICALS			
<i>Betaseron</i>	interferon beta-1b	Chiron/Berlex	beta interferon for multiple sclerosis
<i>Pulmozyme</i>	dornase alfa, DNase	Genentech	inhaled enzyme to thin respiratory mucus for cystic fibrosis
<i>Tetramune</i>	DTP and HIB vaccine	Lederle	combination of DTP and HIB vaccines for children
SIGNIFICANT NEW DOSAGE FORMS			
<i>Fentanyl Oralet</i>	oral fentanyl lozenge	Abbott	oral fentanyl lozenge for pre-op medication
<i>Imudur</i>	isosorbide mononitrate	Key	long-acting oral nitrate to prevent angina
<i>Monoket</i>	isosorbide mononitrate	Schwarz Pharma	oral nitrate to prevent angina; similar to <i>Ismo</i>
<i>Ocuflox</i>	ofloxacin ophth soln	Allergan	quinolone antibiotic drops for eye infections
<i>Pentasa</i>	mesalamine	Marion Merrell Dow	anti-inflammatory for ulcerative colitis
<i>Testoderm</i>	testosterone patch	Alza	topical testosterone for testosterone deficiency