



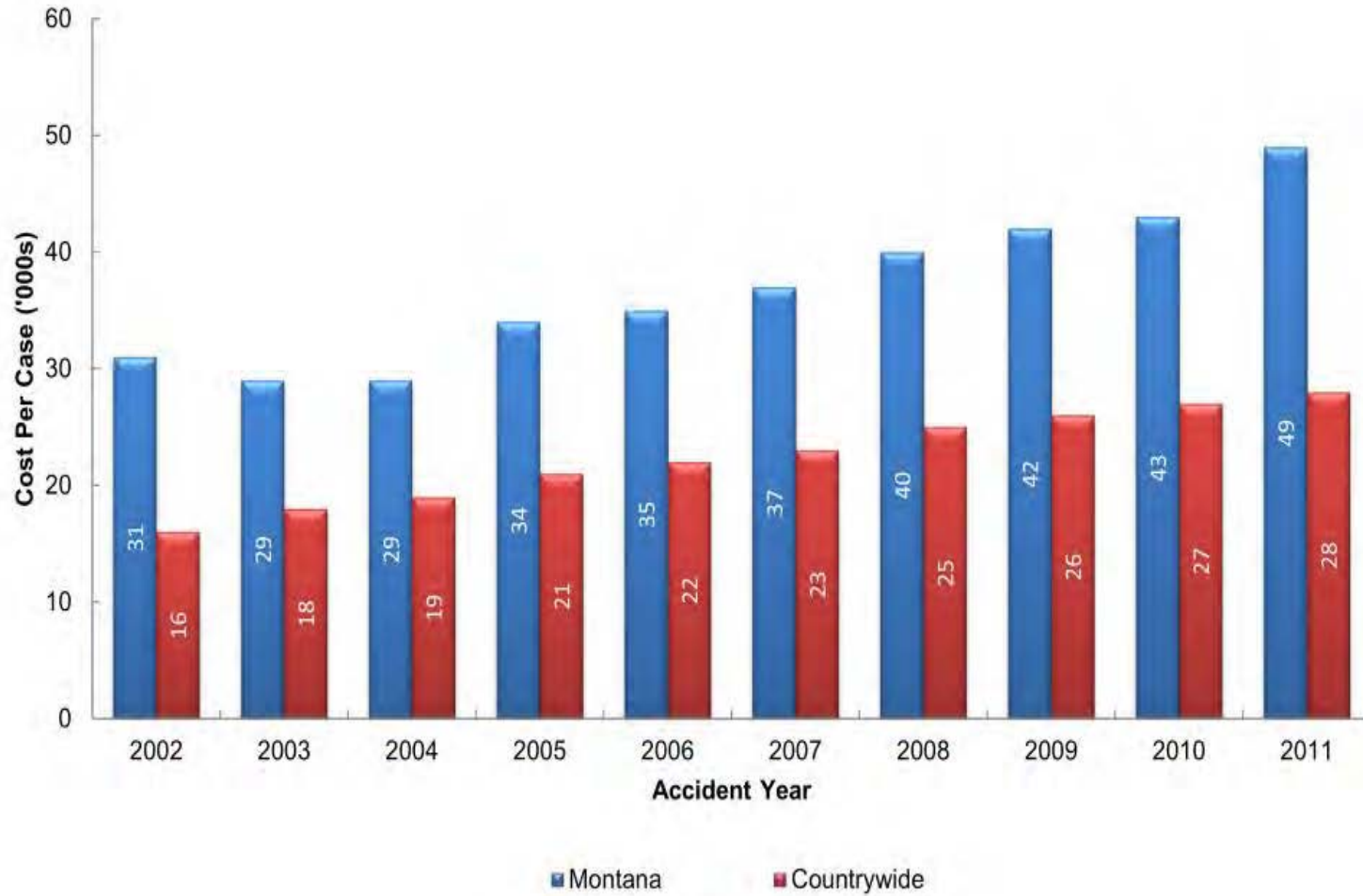
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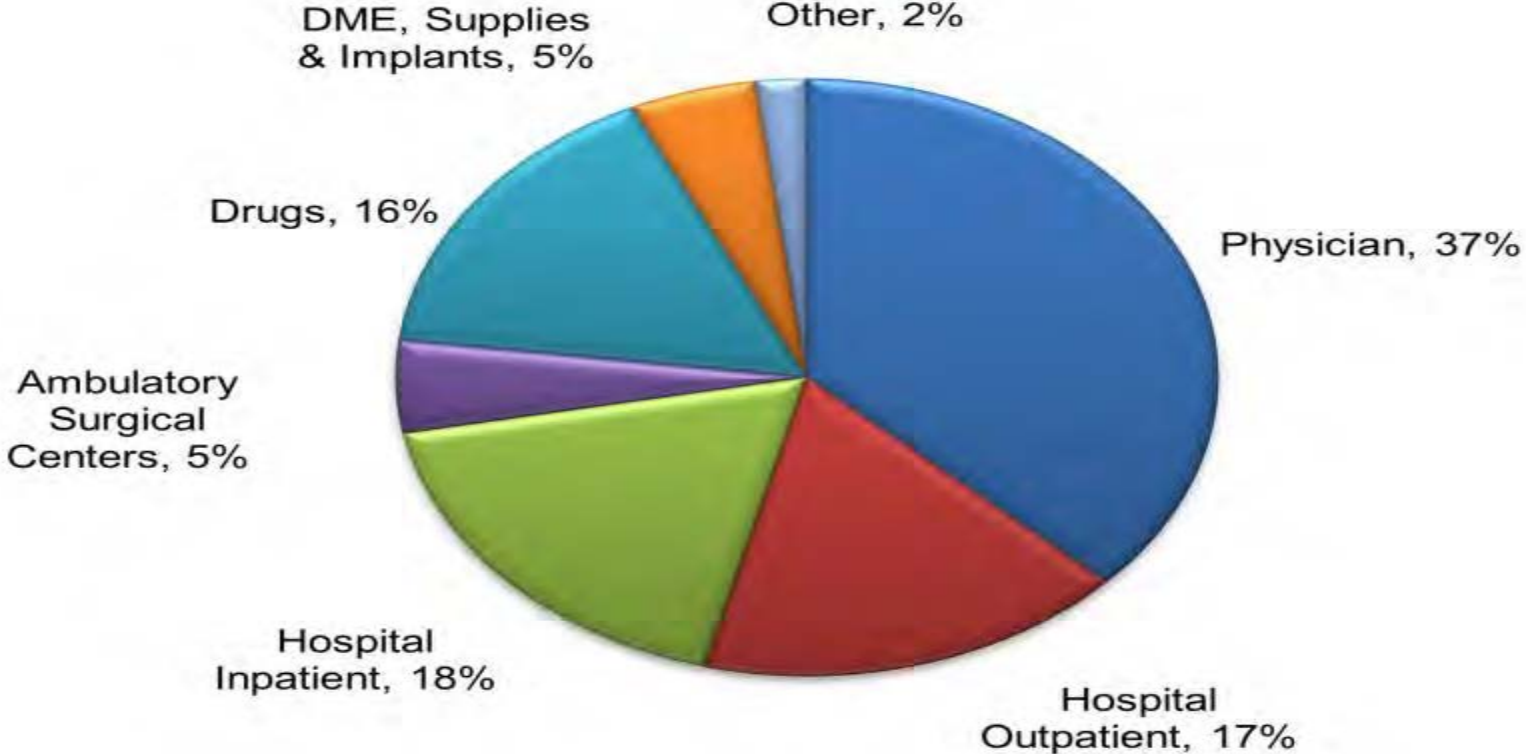
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# Overall Medical Average Cost per Case

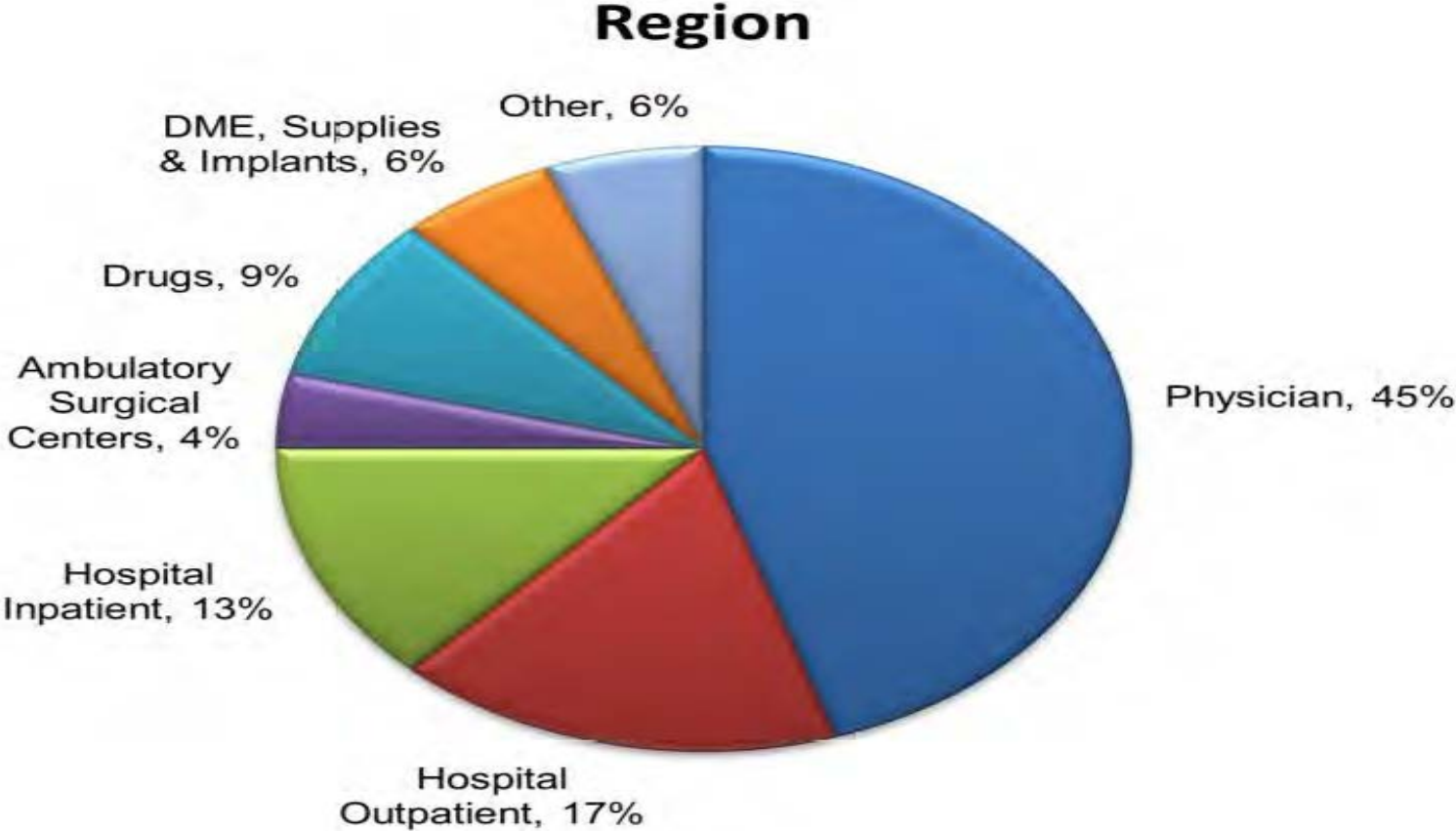


# Distribution of Medical Payments

## Montana

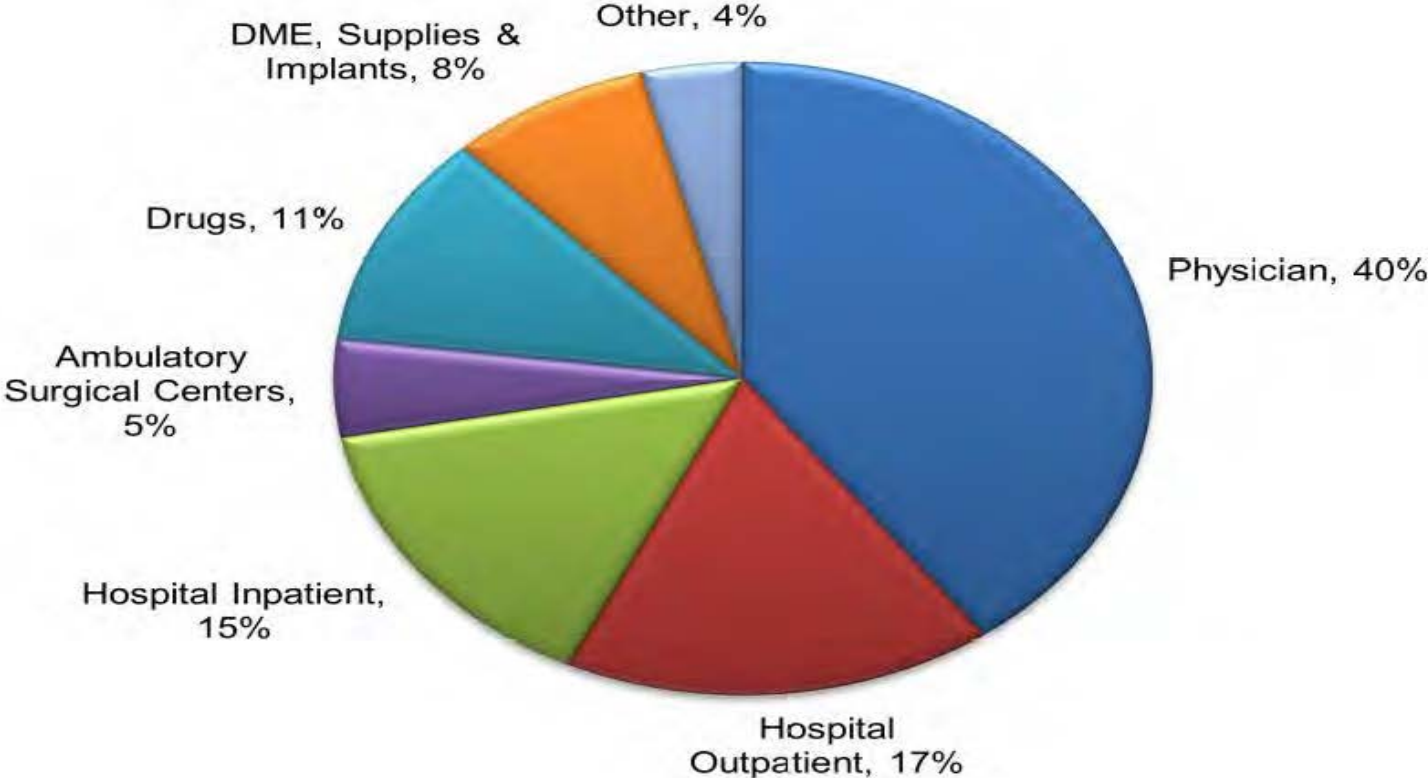


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## Countrywide



# Top 10 Workers Compensation Drugs by Amount Paid for Montana

Name of Drug	Type	Percentage of Drug Payments	Paid Per Unit
<b>Oxycontin</b>	Brand Name	14.9%	\$6.62
<b>Cymbalta</b>	Brand Name	7.3%	\$6.29
<b>Lyrica</b>	Brand Name	5.2%	\$2.95
<b>Celebrex</b>	Brand Name	5.1%	\$4.33
<b>Gabapentin</b>	Generic	4.4%	\$1.05
<b>Hydro/Aceta</b>	Generic	3.2%	\$0.35
<b>Morphine Sulfate ER</b>	Generic	2.8%	\$1.81
<b>Oxycodone HCl</b>	Generic	2.2%	\$0.52
<b>Fentanyl Patch</b>	Generic	2.1%	\$20.28
<b>Tramadol HCl</b>	Generic	2.0%	\$0.53

# Top 10 Workers Compensation Drugs by Amount Paid for Countrywide

Name of Drug	Type	Percentage of Drug Payments	Paid Per Unit
Oxycontin	Brand Name	6.5%	\$5.83
Lyrica	Brand Name	4.9%	\$2.82
Gabapentin	Generic	4.4%	\$0.92
Lidoderm	Brand Name	4.3%	\$5.99
Cymbalta	Brand Name	4.2%	\$5.03
Hydro/Aceta	Generic	3.8%	\$0.33
Meloxicam	Generic	3.6%	\$1.85
Celebrex	Brand Name	3.5%	\$4.02
Tramadol HCl	Generic	2.9%	\$0.46
Opana ER	Brand Name	1.9%	\$6.84

# Top 10 Workers Compensation Drugs by Prescription Counts for Montana

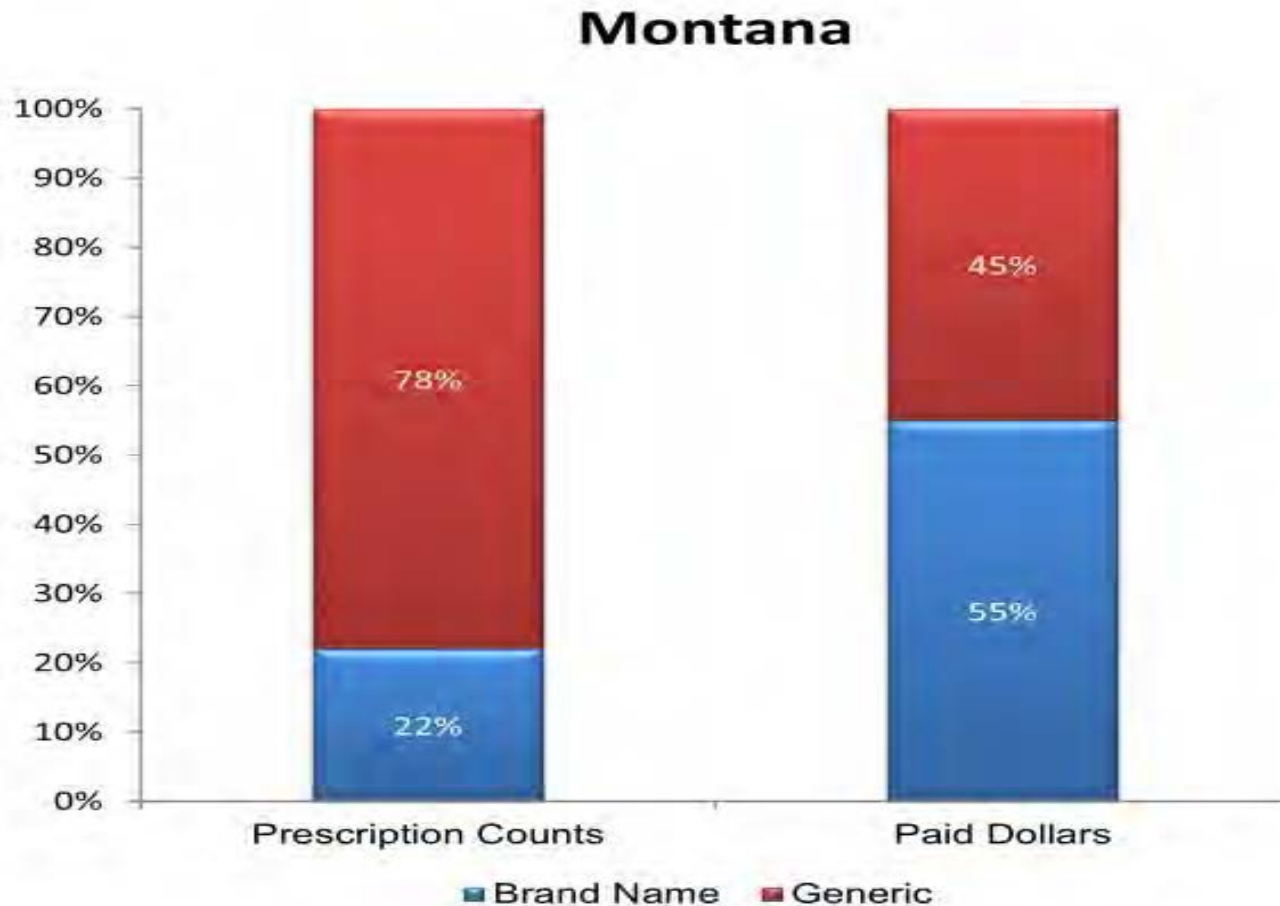
Name of Drug	Type	Percentage of Prescription Counts	Paid Per Unit
<b>Hydro/Aceta</b>	Generic	13.5%	\$0.35
<b>Cyclobenzaprine HCl</b>	Generic	4.2%	\$0.67
<b>Gabapentin</b>	Generic	4.2%	\$1.05
<b>Tramadol HCl</b>	Generic	4.1%	\$0.53
<b>Oxycodone HCl</b>	Generic	3.7%	\$0.52
<b>Oxycontin</b>	Brand Name	3.5%	\$6.62
<b>Cymbalta</b>	Brand Name	3.2%	\$6.29
<b>Celebrex</b>	Brand Name	2.8%	\$4.33
<b>Morphine Sulfate ER</b>	Generic	2.3%	\$1.81
<b>Lyrica</b>	Brand Name	2.3%	\$2.95



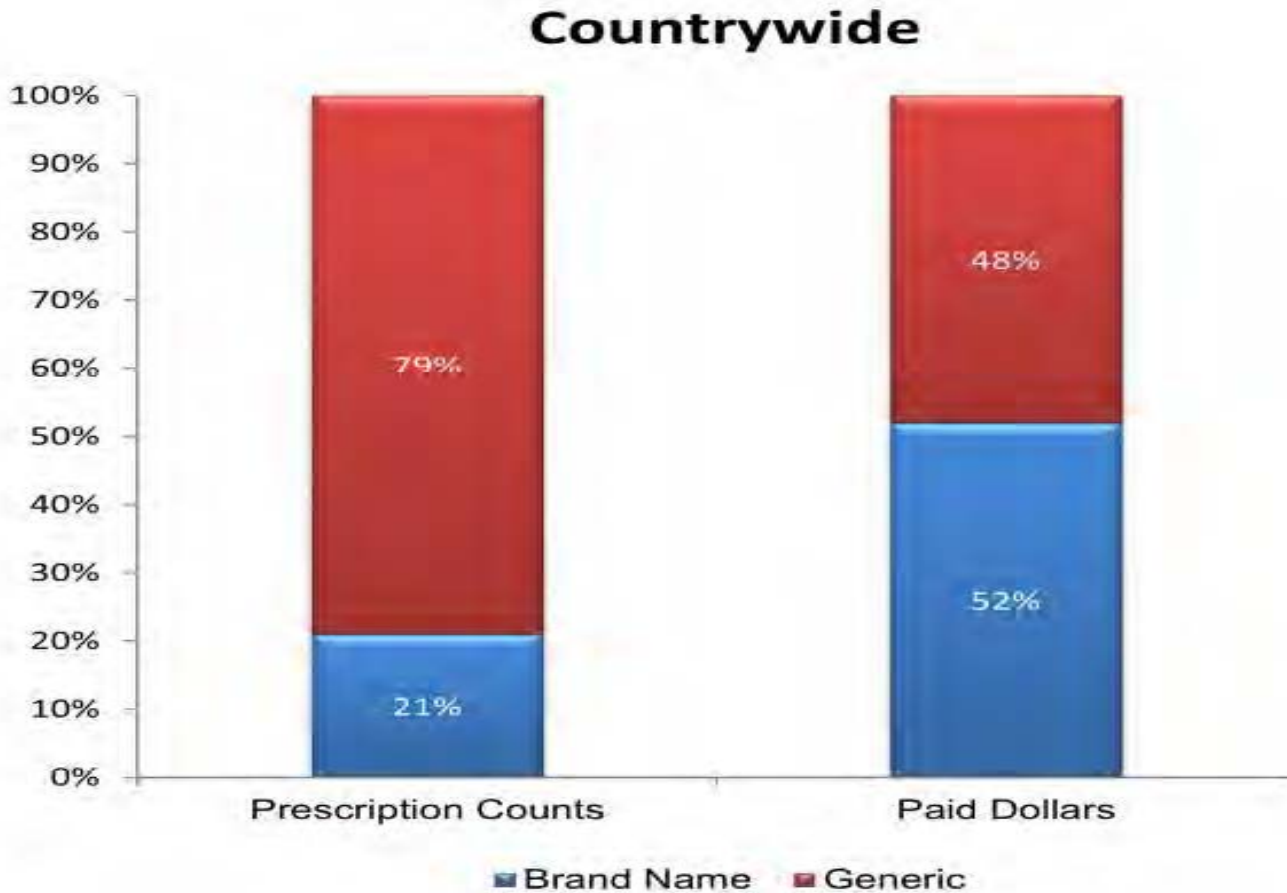
# Top 10 Workers Compensation Drugs by Prescription Counts for Countrywide

Name of Drug	Type	Percentage of Prescription Counts	Paid Per Unit
<b>Hydro/Acetamin</b>	Generic	14.5%	\$0.33
<b>Tramadol HCl</b>	Generic	5.3%	\$0.46
<b>Cyclobenzaprine HCl</b>	Generic	4.6%	\$0.65
<b>Ibuprofen</b>	Generic	4.2%	\$0.21
<b>Gabapentin</b>	Generic	3.5%	\$0.92
<b>Meloxicam</b>	Generic	2.9%	\$1.85
<b>Oxyco/Acetamin</b>	Generic	2.5%	\$0.52
<b>Naproxen</b>	Generic	2.2%	\$0.36
<b>Lyrica</b>	Brand Name	2.2%	\$2.82
<b>Oxycodone HCl</b>	Generic	2.1%	\$0.58

# Distribution of Drugs by Brand Name and Generic



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# Summary Amount Paid

- Number 1 drug by amount paid in MT is Oxycontin & makes up nearly 15% of percentage paid. This is more than double the percentage Countrywide.
- The amount paid per unit is higher here in MT as compared to Countrywide.
- In MT 6/10 of the Top 10 drugs are for opioid like meds as compared Countrywide

# Summary Number Counts

- Hydrocodone/Acetaminophen is number 1 in terms of counts of prescriptions for both MT & Countrywide.
- Percentage of counts are similar but MT pays more per unit.
- Top 10 WC drugs for MT are 5/10 opioid like by count while Countrywide it is 4/10.

# Summary Distribution of Drugs

- Montana by percentage count and paid dollar amounts pay for more Brand Name than Generic drugs than Countrywide.
- Distribution of medical payments 16% of total is attributed to drugs for MT.
- While for Region this is 9% and Countrywide it is 11%.

# Montana U&T Guidelines



## Montana Utilization and Treatment Guidelines

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### Welcome to the Montana Guidelines

The Montana Guidelines establish evidence-based utilization and treatment guidelines for primary and secondary medical services for workers' compensation injuries and occupational diseases, as authorized by § 39-71-704, MCA, and incorporated by reference in ARM 24.29.1591. The Guidelines include General Guideline Principles at the beginning of each chapter, which are designed to adequately and consistently address the functional improvement goals of an injured worker.

The Guidelines are applicable to all medical services provided on or after July 1, 2011. (The Guidelines establish a presumption of compensability for injuries and occupational diseases occurring on or after July 1, 2007. For those occurring on or before June 30, 2007, treatment in accordance with the guidelines constitutes reasonable primary or secondary medical treatment.)

Prior authorization is not required for treatment within the Guidelines. Prior authorization may be obtained in specific cases for treatments outside the guidelines as provided by ARM 24.29.1593. Disputes regarding treatment and prior authorization may be brought to the Department under the Independent Medical Review process in ARM 24.29.1595. Managed Care Organizations and Preferred Provider Organizations are required to follow the Guidelines, but the Guidelines do not alter their payment agreements.

The purpose of the Guidelines is to assist injured workers in receiving prompt and appropriate care, assist injured workers in stay-at-work/return-to-work options, assist clinicians in making decisions for specific conditions, and help insurers make reimbursement determinations. Although the primary purpose of the guidelines is advisory and educational, the guidelines are enforceable for payment purposes. The department recognizes that acceptable medical practice may include deviations from these guidelines, as individual cases dictate. Therefore, these guidelines are not relevant as evidence of a provider's legal standard of professional care.

Montana Utilization and Treatment Guidelines Administrative Rules.