# Treatment update: generics

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#### HIV i-Base

- Community project focussed on treatment information.
- Publications include patient guides.
- Translations into more than 30 languages.
- The Q&A information service.
- UK-CAB network of advocates.





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## HIV i-Base: ask a question...



# UK-CAB (2002)



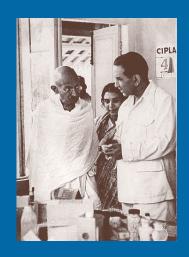
- Network of UK activists.
- Community Advisory Board ~ 700 members/120 organisations
- BHIVA guidelines and conferences
- Four meetings/year + online forum
- Online forums
- www.ukcab.net

# TAG/i-Base pipeline reports

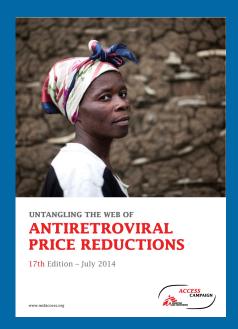
- Better drugs: more effective, easier to tolerate, less resistance
- Cost & access, paediatrics
- HCV and TB coinfections
- Cure research
- PipelineReport.org

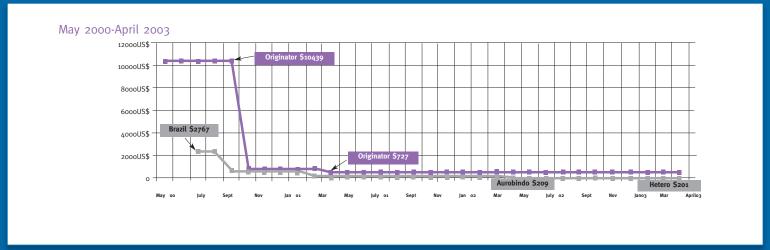


# Generics









## Generic & patent meds

- A patent is licence to manufacture and sell a news drug.
- It usually gives a company 10-15 year to make profits from their research
- After the patent ends, other companies can make these meds.
- Generics are much less expensive.

### Generic meds & the NHS

- Generic meds include exactly to same active ingredients as brandname meds...
- They are just much less expensive.
- Generic meds are essential to the NHS.
- 60-85% of all NHS prescriptions are for generic meds.

#### **Generic HIV meds**

- Just like every other health area, HIV care will use generics.
- This is not a question of patient choice when the generic exactly matches the brand med.
- HIV combination pills make this different.
- Combination pills might have to be prescribed as separate meds.

# Spot the difference?









• Which is the generic laboratory?

## Thank you



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