

LOW FINANCES, LITTLE INCOME FOR MEDICATIONS?

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If experiencing financial problems with little savings or income, explain your financial plight to any physician you need to treat your condition and ask if there are any programs providing medicine requirements at little or no cost.

Ask any physician you must visit if with drugs he/she administers in office or prescribes, does he/she have contact with "Partnership for Prescription Assistance" to assist patients like yourself whose finances have been depleted because of loss of employment and by treatment requirements. If he or she does not have such contact, is there a program to provide treatment and medications at little or no cost to patients with life threatening disease as well as financial stress.

You can also apply directly to Partnerships for Prescription Assistance at "additional information on patient assistance programs that may meet their needs, patients should call toll-free 1-888-4PPA-NOW (1-888-477-2669) to speak with a trained specialist or visit www.pparx.org." By doing the foregoing, you can likely find out if you qualify for free or greatly reduced costs for the medication you need or may need. Those medications, to help you remember, are likely among the following:

Androgen Deprivation Agents

Leuprolide Acetate (Lupron)

Bicalutamide/Casodex

Flutamide/Eulexin

Nilutamide (Nilandron)

Dutasteride (Avodart)

Finasteride (Flutamide)

Advanced ADT agents

Ketoconazole (Nizoral)

Hydrocortisone

Chemotherapy agents

Docetaxel (Taxotere)

Bevacizumab (Avastin)

Estramustine (Emcyt)

Calcitriol

Carboplatin

Celebrex

All the above are available through the Partnership for Prescription Assistance if you qualify.

You should ask every physician you visit who prescribes any medication if he can provide you samples or if he would make the necessary contact to get this medication for you at no, or very low, cost.

Another Free Medicine Program for those who qualify is explained here:

<http://www.freemedicineprogram.org/about.html>

Here is yet another:

http://generalmedicine.suite101.com/article.cfm/free_medicine

Medications/drugs from Alldaychemist of India are much less expensive than in the USA. However, I obviously cannot vouch for the medications being absolutely equivalent in performance to those available here in the U.S. I can only remark, "Buyer Beware."

<http://www.alldaychemist.com/>