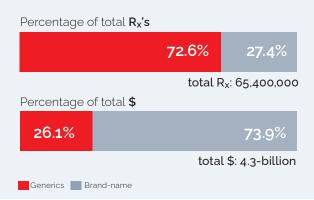
## Generic medicines are used to fill the majority of prescriptions in British Columbia, for a fraction of the cost of brand-name drugs.





Generic were dispensed to fill 72.6% of all prescriptions in 2022, but only cost 26.1% of all the money spent on drugs.

Generics filled 47.4-million prescriptions for \$1.1-billion. Brand-name drugs only filled 17.9-million prescriptions and cost \$3.18-billion.

Source: IQVIA

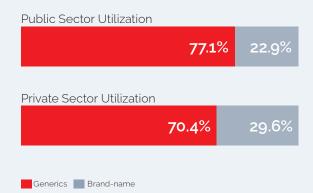
## The increased use of generic medicines has a direct impact on a responsive and sustainable healthcare system.

For every one percent increase in the use of generics public sector drug benefit programs will save \$19,800,000, year over year.

Private sector drug plans can save as much as \$36,900,000 for every one percent increase.



Source: CGPA calculations based on IQVIA data and CIHI public private market share.



In British Columbia, the public sector's use of generics is significantly lower than in the United States where generics are dispensed to fill 91% of all prescriptions.

The private sector use of generics is even lower. Bridging the gap in the use of generics will save hundreds of millions of dollars.

Source: IOVIA







