

NAVIGATING COSTS OF GLP-1 RAs



Does the patient have private insurance?

If yes, it may be covered under their private insurance plan. Wegovy (semaglutide) is Health Canada approved for obesity in children 12 years and older. Mounjaro (tirzepatide) is Health Canada approved for children 10 yrs and older with type 2 diabetes. Family can check to see if they are covered.



Does the patient have Type 2 Diabetes?

If the patient has type 2 diabetes, does not have insurance but is covered for medications through ODB/OHIP+ Ozempic can be covered under this indication (LU Code 665: High-Dose Pen (1 mg dose per injection); LU Code 667: Low-Dose Pen (0.25 mg or 0.5 mg doses per injection).



Is the patient paying out of pocket?

If paying out of pocket, semaglutide (generic) is currently lowest price, followed by semaglutide (Ozempic 1mg pen with Novo Nordisk patient support card - see below). All semaglutide pens are the same price regardless of dose, thus, it may be more cost effective to prescribe a higher dose. As the dose increases above 1mg, it might be more cost effective to buy a Wegovy 2.4 mg pen and do 'clicks' – refer to clicks handout.



For discount cards,

For discount cards, patients sign up online here: https://www.ozempic.ca/en_ca.html. For Wegovy: https://www.wegovy.ca/en_ca.html.

Medication Brand	Available Doses	Retail Price	Out-of-Pocket Cost with Card
Generic Semaglutide	0.25mg, 0.5mg, 1mg	\$100 - \$103 per pen	\$88 - \$103 (no card required)
Ozempic	0.25mg, 0.5mg, 1mg	\$283 per pen	\$100 - \$150 per pen via the Novo Nordisk care savings program
Wegovy	0.25mg, 0.5mg, 1mg, 1.7mg, 2.4mg	\$400 - \$500 per pen	\$133 - \$493 per pen via the Novo Nordisk care program or pharmacy bulk-buying multi pen incentives