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# Anvisa registers new generic drugs

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The National Agency of Sanitary Surveillance granted registration to two unpublished generic drugs: daptomycin 500 mg (lyophilized powder for solution for injection) and estradiol valerate 2 mg (coated tablet).

Daptomycin is indicated for the treatment of complicated infections of the skin and tissues located under the skin in adults. It is also used in adults to treat blood or tissue infections lining the inside of the heart, including heart valves, which are caused by the bacterium *Staphylococcus aureus*.

On the other hand, estradiol valerate is indicated as hormone replacement therapy (HRT) for the treatment of menopausal symptoms in women with intact or hysterectomized uterus.

The registration of generics effectively contributes to increasing the population's access to medicines, since the generic must be at least 35% cheaper than the reference drug. In addition to the minimum price, the measure makes it possible to reduce the price of medicines that are already on the market, in view of the increase in competition between products.

Anvisa emphasizes that generic medicines have the same quality, efficacy and safety as the reference medicines and can therefore be interchangeable with the latter.

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