



ASK YOUR PHARMACIST THIS

What are the brand and generic names of this medication?

Why Is This Question Important?

- ✓ Helps you identify your medication, even if the name on the bottle changes.
- ✓ Prevents confusion when different pharmacies or manufacturers use different names for the same medication.
- ✓ Helps you recognize duplicate therapies and avoid taking the same medication twice under different names.
- ✓ Allows you to better communicate with healthcare providers about your medications.
- ✓ Helps you understand medication substitutions when a brand or generic product is dispensed.

What You May Learn

Medication Identification

- Brand name(s)
- Generic name

Alternative Products

- Alternative brand products
- Alternative generic products
- Therapeutic equivalents

Medication Recognition

- Why the medication name may look different from previous refills
- How to identify the medication on future prescriptions or pharmacy records

Example

 **Brand Name:** Ozempic®
 **Generic Name:** Semaglutide

Key Takeaway

Knowing both the brand and generic names of your medication helps you avoid confusion, recognize substitutions, and stay informed about the medications you take.