## Greater Boston Urology Women's Health Center Pharmacy Fact Sheet

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**Dr. Johnson sent a prescription to your pharmacy today**. Please pick up this medication as soon as possible. If the price of the medication is too high for you then notify Dr. Johnson's office for a possible alternative.

Dr. Johnson prescribes the medication she believes is best for you. She is unaware of your prescription drug coverage or how much you pay for other medications.

CVS & Walgreens pharmacies are "designer" pharmacies similar to shopping at Bloomingdale's or Nordstrom. These two pharmacies charge higher prices than many others.

For lower prices, check with your insurance company to see if they offer a "mail-away" pharmacy such as CVS Caremark or Express Scripts. These pharmacies are often less expensive and delivery a 3-month supply of medication to your home. Less expensive pharmacies include Costco, Target, Walmart and those in grocery stores like Stop & Shop. It is up to you to find the most affordable place to obtain your medication.

If you have commercial insurance such as BlueCross, Harvard Pilgrim, Tufts, Aetna etc you can use co-pay discount cards to help decrease your prescription drug cost. Dr. Johnson also recommends the app and/or website GoodRx where you can look up the prescribed medication and compare cost at several pharmacies.

Certain medications (Gemtesa, myrbetriq, Premarin, Monurol, Addyi), may require our office to complete extra paperwork known as a prior-authorization. The pharmacy will contact our office to start this process. Please allow **5-7 days for a prior-auth** to be completed by the office and a decision rendered by the insurance company. Dr. Johnson often provides medication samples if in stock to avoid a break in treatment during the paperwork process.

Unfortunately due to rising medication costs, & more prior-authorizations this is the new reality.