

## Position Statement on Medication Substitutions

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The American Psychiatric Association opposes the practice of therapeutic interchange of psychoactive medication, including the interchangeability of generic and brand medications, without the express consent of the prescribing psychiatrist.

The above statement if considered a supplement to the *Joint Statement on Anti-substitution Laws and Regulations*, which was adopted by the American Psychiatric Association in February 1973, and is endorsed by a number of other medical societies.