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#### Comparison of Costs of HBV Antiviral Therapy

(Based on average 2005 wholesale prices in the U.S.)

Drug Name	Monthly Cost	Annual Cost	FDA Status
Lamivudine (100 mg)	\$204	\$2,482	Approved
Adefovir (10 mg)	\$546	\$6,647	Approved
Entecavir (0.5 mg)	\$715	\$8,694	Approved
*Peginterferon alfa-2a (180 mcg)	\$1,540	\$18,480	Approved
Emtricitabine (200 mg)	\$318	\$3,872	Phase III
Tenofovir (300 mg)	\$478	\$5,811	Phase III

*\*Although peginterferon alfa-2a has the highest monthly and annual cost, it would likely be given for only one year at most, whereas the oral agents would be given continuously for many years, or perhaps a lifetime.*

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