

# Drug prices seem not to be influenced by their value

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(HealthDay)—For commonly prescribed cardiovascular drugs, there is

no evidence that drug prices are influenced by their value, according to a study published in the August issue of *Health Affairs*.

Jonathan D. Campbell, Ph.D., from the University of Colorado in Aurora, and colleagues estimated the range of cost-effectiveness of 30 frequently prescribed [cardiovascular drugs](#) to examine whether [drug prices](#) are influenced by value. Evidence from randomized controlled trials was extrapolated to determine average lifetime quality-adjusted life-years (QALYs) and payer-related costs and to calculate the incremental cost-effectiveness ratios (ICERs).

The researchers found that the ICERs varied from cost-saving with increased QALYs to more costly with decreased QALYs across the 30 drugs, suggesting that value does not consistently influence [drug](#) pricing.

"Our study contributes to the growing body of evidence that can help inform payers in making more rational and systematic decisions and innovators in determinations of price," the authors write.

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