

Hospitals are Marking Up Prices of Prescription Drugs, Driving Up the Cost of Healthcare for All



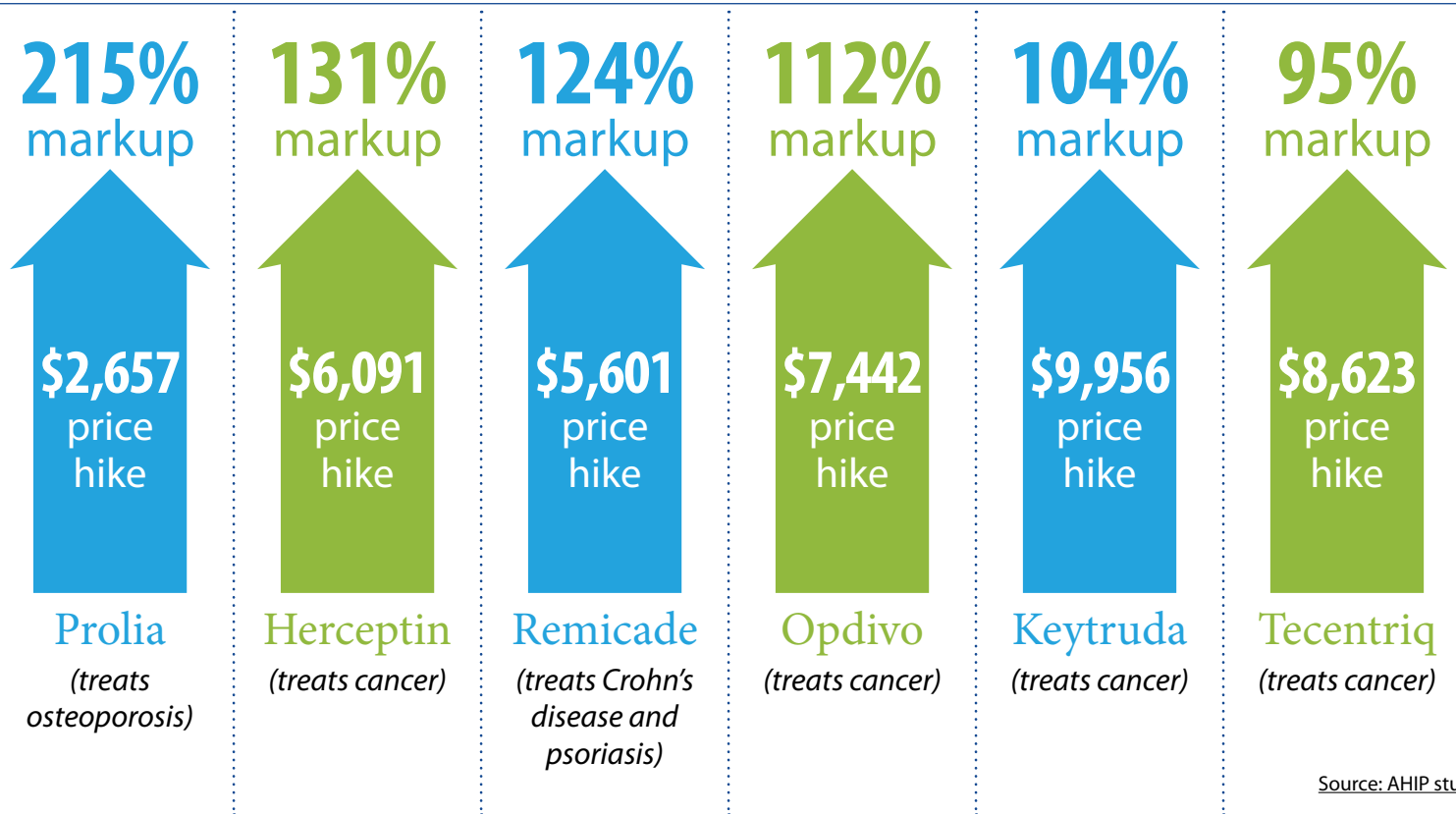
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Hospitals are hiking the prices of hospital-administered drugs, making it even harder for patients to afford these often life-saving medications.

A recent study found that hospitals markup drug costs by an **average of 108%**, which drives up the cost of patient hospital bills exponentially.

Check out these hospital bill markups!

Average Markups of Drugs Administered in Hospitals (2018-2020):



Source: AHIP study

Hospitals Contribute to High Health Care Costs

A California Health Care Foundation [study](#) from 2021 also found that only 30% of California hospitals fully complied with a federal price transparency rule, which raises more questions around why hospitals charge such high prices for drugs and procedures. Hospitals continue to be a significant contributor to soaring health care costs in California.