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The need for prescribing generics and its increased use is becoming increasingly relevant worldwide with the spread of lifestyle diseases requiring patients to buy medicines lifelong or for a long duration of time. Some decades ago infectious diseases used to be the main killers of human beings and for that people had to buy medicines only for a shorter period of time. That era has gone and millions of people including the poor are getting afflicted by lifestyle diseases pushing the medical costs beyond their means. It is in the wake of this trend, the governments of several countries have started thinking of bringing down the medical costs for the benefit of larger section of the population.

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India has moved a step closer to capping prices of cardiac stents with the National Health Systems Resource Centre backing strong price control measures in a report to national drug price watchdog. National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC), a technical support institution under the ministry of health and family welfare, has submitted its final report to the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), which will study it and make final recommendations to the department of pharmaceuticals, an industry insider told ET.

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*With the GST Bill being one of the important laws awaiting approval in the ongoing Parliament monsoon session, **Suresh Nair**, Partner with the Indirect Tax Practice in Ernst and Young, focuses on the possible impact of the Bill on pharma entities. "This bill has gone through the Standing Committee for two and a half years, dozens and dozens of meetings of empowered committees...Only then has a consensus happened...I beseech you rise above party considerations," **Arun Jaitley**, Union Finance Minister of India in the Parliament.*

2. [Global pharmaceutical packaging market to exceed \\$ 100 bn in 2019](#) – Business Standard

The global demand for pharmaceutical packaging will increase 6.5 percent annually to reach \$101 billion in 2019 from \$ 74 billion in 2014, according to a new Freedonia report. Because of advanced and diverse drug-producing industries, almost 60 percent of global demand will come from the developed economies of Canada, Japan, the US, and Western Europe, added the report. India and China will form the fastest growing markets due to rapidly expanding pharmaceutical manufacturing capabilities and the adoption of more stringent regulations aimed at improving the quality and integrity of domestically produced medicines. Russia, Turkey, Mexico, Iran, Argentina, and Brazil are among other developing markets that are expected to expand and diversify drug-producing industries and register above average gains in pharmaceutical packaging demand.