

How Civica Rx became a force in the generic drug industry: A timeline

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Civica Rx is a nonprofit generic drug company created in 2018 by seven major health systems to combat drug shortages and rising drug costs.

In just over a year, the company has created partnerships with several drugmakers, distributed multiple drugs and signed a deal to start manufacturing its own generics.

A timeline of the company, from its formation to now:

Sept. 6, 2018: Seven major health systems [team up](#) to form a nonprofit company named Civica Rx to manufacture their own generic drugs. They pick Martin VanTrieste, formerly chief quality officer for Amgen, as CEO.

Feb. 21, 2019: Civica Rx [announces](#) it will start buying drugs from pharmaceutical companies rather than make its own.

April 19, 2019: Civica Rx [opens](#) its headquarters in Lehi, Utah.

May 15, 2019: Civica Rx says it will [begin manufacturing](#) and distributing two essential antibiotics, vancomycin and daptomycin.

June 17, 2019: Civica Rx [teams up](#) with Vizient to use analytics and data to get insights into purchasing patterns and provider needs so Civica can anticipate gaps in drug availability and affordability.

July 23, 2019: Civica Rx [signs](#) a five-year agreement with Hikma Pharmaceuticals to manufacture and supply 14 sterile injectable medications.

Sept. 10, 2019: Civica Rx [teams up](#) with Exela Pharma Sciences to manufacture and supply hospitals with sodium bicarbonate injection, a vital medicine used daily in hospitals for emergency care.

Oct. 2, 2019: Civica Rx's first medication [is given](#) to patients at a Utah hospital.

Oct. 24, 2019: St. Clare Hospital in Fenton, Mo., [becomes](#) the first hospital in the St. Louis region to receive drugs from Civica Rx.

Dec. 10, 2019: Civica Rx says it will [ship](#) eight critical injectable medicines to its member hospitals by the end of the year.

Jan. 15, 2020: Civica Rx [asks](#) fellow generic drug makers to donate their old ANDAs to Civica to speed up the generic drug manufacturing process.

Jan. 16, 2020: Civica Rx [inks](#) the first deal to develop and manufacture its own drugs.