Position Statement on Medication Substitutions

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Board of Trustees...These are...position statements that define
APA official policy on specific subjects..." – APA Operations
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The American Psychiatric Association opposes the practice
of therapeutic interchange of psychoactive medication,
including the interchangeability of generic and brand
medications, without the express consent of the
prescribing psychiatrist.

The above statement if considered a supplement to the
Joint Statement on Anti-substitution Laws and Regulations,
which was adopted by the American Psychiatric
Association in February 1973, and is endorsed by a number
of other medical societies.