

PHARMACEUTICAL TRENDS

## Top 20 Dispensed Drugs in Canada, 2017

Rank	Name of drug	Use	Total prescriptions* 2017 (000s)	% Change over 2016
1	Synthroid	Hypothyroidism	18,480	3.3
2	Methadose	Narcotic analgesic	10,555	24.9
3	Coversyl	Antihypertensive	6,630	8.6
4	Apo-Atorvastatin	Cholesterol lowering	6,282	6.2
5	Sandoz-Metformin	Anti-diabetic	4,699	29.0
6	Teva-Furosemide	Diuretic	4,126	10.2
7	Sandoz-Bisoprolol	Antihypertensive	4,064	10.5
8	Apo-Rosuvastatin	Cholesterol lowering	3,881	12.7
9	Jamp Vitamin D	Vitamin	3,740	25.7
10	Teva-Venlafaxine X	Antidepressant	3,499	7.1
11	Sandoz-Amlodopine	Antihypertensive	3,492	66.1
12	Dexilant	Esophagitis	3,413	9.1
13	Apo-Furosemide	Diuretic	3,395	-3.1
14	Rosuvastatin	Cholesterol lowering	3,285	58.2
15	D-Tabs	Vitamin	3,272	2.1
16	Taro-Warfarin	Anticoagulant	2,682	-7.3
17	Teva-Salbutamol	Bronchodilator	2,657	-4.8
18	Jamp Vitamin B12	Vitamin	2,626	5.4
19	Sandoz-Pantoprazole	Proton pump inhibitor	2,600	5.0
20	Teva-Trazadone	Antidepressant	2,575	10.9

\* Estimated prescriptions dispensed in Canadian retail pharmacies (excludes hospitals; includes new and refills).  
 Ethical market only - ethical products are not generally advertised to the public and are available only in pharmacies.  
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