

PHARMACEUTICAL TRENDS

Top 10 Therapeutic Classes* in Canada, 2018

Rank	Therapeutic class	Total prescriptions* 2018 (000s)	% Change over 2017
1	Cardiovasculars	97,301	3.5
2	Psychotherapeutics	96,383	4.6
3	Gastrointestinal/Genitourinary	52,771	2.4
4	Antihyperlipidemic agents	46,340	5.1
5	Diabetes therapy	36,784	6.9
6	Neurological disorders	35,907	3.2
7	Hormones	27,710	-1.8
8	Analgesics	27,057	1.4
9	Anti-infectives	26,044	2.1
10	Thyroid therapy	21,548	2.3

* Estimated prescriptions dispensed in Canadian retail pharmacies. Includes new and refills.

** Includes cost of drugs plus any mark-ups and pharmacists' professional fees. Excludes hospitals.

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