

PHARMACEUTICAL TRENDS

Top 20 Dispensed Drugs in Canada, 2018

Rank	Name of drug	Use	Total prescriptions* 2018 (000s)	% Change over 2017
1	Synthroid	Hypothyroidism	18,999	2.9
2	Methadose	Narcotic analgesic	12,682	20.0
3	Apo-Atorvastatin	Antihypertensive	6,094	-2.5
4	Sandoz-Bisoprolol	Antihypertensive	4,871	20.4
5	Jamp-Vitamin D	Vitamin	4,522	21.1
6	Sandoz-Amlodopine	Antihypertensive	4,342	25.2
7	Teva-Furosemide	Diuretic	4,313	4.6
8	Sandoz-Metformin	Anti-diabetic	4,017	-14.4
9	Apo-Rosuvastatin	Cholesterol lowering	3,897	0.4
10	Teva-Trazadone	Antidepressant	3,771	46.8
11	Rosuvastatin	Cholesterol lowering	3,590	9.2
12	Dexilant	Esophagitis	3,562	4.7
13	Apo-Furosemide	Diuretic	3,475	2.5
14	D-Tabs	Vitamin	3,454	5.7
15	Teva-Venlafaxine XR	Antidepressant	3,451	-1.0
16	Sandoz-Pantoprazole	Proton pump inhibitor	3,329	28.0
17	Eliquis	Anticoagulant	3,255	29.8
18	Teva-Salbutamol	Bronchodilator	3,197	20.3
19	Coversyl	Cholesterol lowering	3,038	-54.1
20	Apo-Hydro	Diuretic	2,871	21.8

* 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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