

PHARMACEUTICAL TRENDS

Top 10 Therapeutic Classes* in Canada, 2019

Rank	Therapeutic class	Total prescriptions* 2019 (000s)	% Change over 2018
1	Cardiovasculars	101,019	3.8
2	Psychotherapeutics	100,254	4.1
3	Gastrointestinal/Genitourinary	55,155	4.5
4	Antihyperlipidemic agents	49,025	5.8
5	Analgesics	44,699	-0.6
6	Diabetes therapy	39,412	7.2
7	Neurological disorders	37,343	4.0
8	Hormones	27,960	0.9
9	Anti-infectives	25,521	-2.0
10	Thyroid therapy	22,065	2.4

^{*} 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. Source: IQVIA, CompuScript.
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