

PHARMACEUTICAL TRENDS

Top 10 Therapeutic Classes* in Canada, 2020

Rank	Therapeutic class	Total prescriptions* 2020 (000s)	% Change over 2019
1	Cardiovasculars	105,750	4.9
2	Psychotherapeutics	104,821	4.2
3	Antihyperlipidemic agents	52,593	7.4
4	Analgesics	44,001	-1.4
5	Diabetes therapy	43,027	9.1
6	Gastrointestinal/Genitourinary	42,615	3.3
7	Neurological disorders	38,233	2.2
8	Vitamins	23,648	8.5
9	Thyroid therapy	23,494	6.6
10	Hormones	23,491	-3.8

* 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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