

PHARMACEUTICAL TRENDS

Top 20 Dispensed Drugs in Canada, 2020

Rank	Name of drug	Use	Total prescriptions* 2020 (000s)	% Change over 2019
1	SYNTHROID	Hypothyroidism	20,798	6.7
2	METHADOSE	Narcotic analgesic	10,520	-13.4
3	D-TABS	Vitamin	5,957	29.7
4	ELIQUIS	Anticoagulant	4,738	-5.6
5	BISOPROLOL	Antihypertensive	4,595	17.1
6	ASA, JMP	Pain relief	4,274	-5.5
7	DEXILANT	Esophagitis	4,189	7.4
8	SANDOZ-AMLODIPINE	Antihypertensive	4,148	8.8
9	SANDOZ METFORMIN	Anti-diabetic	4,027	-3.6
10	TEVA-FUROSEMIDE	Diuretic	3,904	-12.2
11	APO-ATORVASTATIN	Antihypertensive	3,881	2.4
12	TEVA-SALBUTAMOL	Bronchodilator	3,825	-2.1
13	PMS-ROSUVASTATIN	Cholesterol lowering	3,522	31.2
14	AURO-ROSUVASTATIN	Cholesterol lowering	3,430	29.5
15	WEB-VITAMIN D	Vitamin	3,425	38.5
16	XARELTO	Anticoagulant	3,209	7.9
17	SANDOZ CANDERSARTAN	ACE inhibitor	3,163	19.1
18	AMLODIPINE	Antihypertensive	3,102	30.0
19	PMS-CLONAZEPAM-R	Anti-anxiety	3,069	-0.4
20	SANDOZ PANTOPRAZOLE	Proton pump inhibitor	3,040	-16.7

* 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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