

PHARMACEUTICAL TRENDS

Top 20 Dispensed Drugs in Canada, 2021

Rank	Name of drug	Use	Total prescriptions* 2021 (000s)	% Change over 2020
1	SYNTHROID	Hypothyroidism	20,075	-3.5
2	METHADOSE	Narcotic analgesic	9,834	-6.5
3	D-TABS	Vitamin	5,918	-0.7
4	PMS-ROSUVASTATIN	Cholesterol lowering	5,771	63.9
5	ELIQUIS	Anticoagulant	5,406	14.1
6	ROSUVASTATIN	Cholesterol lowering	4,581	1.4
7	DEXILANT	Esophagitis	4,337	3.5
8	VITAMIN D	Vitamin	4,240	23.8
9	ASA	Pain relief	4,170	-2.4
10	SANDOZ-AMLODIPINE	Antihypertensive	3,933	-5.2
11	METFORMIN	Antidiabetic	3,718	40.1
12	JAMP-VITAMIN D	Vitamin	3,661	25.6
13	APO-ATORVASTATIN	Antihypertensive	3,609	-7.0
14	JARDIANCE	Antidiabetic	3,414	23.4
15	MYLAN-PANTOPRAZOLE T	Proton pump inhibitor	3,357	11.3
16	COMIRNATY	COVID vaccine	3,337	-
17	AMLODIPINE	Antihypertensive	3,293	6.1
18	XARELTO	Anticoagulant	3,262	1.6
19	JAMP VITAMIN B12	Vitamin	3,196	6.9
20	CALCIUM	Vitamin	3,179	5.6

* 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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