

Pharmaceutical trends

Top 10 dispensed* medications by physician specialty, Canada, 2008*Number of prescriptions dispensed in 2008: 453,074,000***General practice 231,438,084**

Lipitor
 Synthroid
 Norvasc
 Crestor
 Ratio-Salbutamol HFA
 Apo-Ramipril
 Novo-Venlafaxine X
 Pantoloc
 Apo-Furosemide
 Nexium

*Top 10 medications represent 16% of all prescriptions dispensed for the specialty.***Family medicine 120,450,677**

Lipitor
 Synthroid
 Norvasc
 Apo-Ramipril
 Crestor
 Ratio-Salbutamol HFA
 Novo-Venlafaxine X
 Apo-Furosemide
 Apo-Hydro
 Eltroxin

*Top 10 medications represent 15% of all prescriptions dispensed for the specialty.***Psychiatry 15,607,821**

Seroquel
 Novo-Venlafaxine X
 Novo-Olanzapine
 Apo-Divalproex
 Wellbutrin XL
 Zyprexa Zydis
 PMS-Clonazepam-R
 Apo-Lorazepam
 Zyprexa
 PMS-Clonazepam

*Top 10 medications represent 27% of all prescriptions dispensed for the specialty.***Internal medicine 9,141,758**

Lipitor
 Synthroid
 Norvasc
 Crestor
 Apo-Ramipril
 Apo-Furosemide
 Apo-Prednisone
 Plavix
 Coumadin
 Sandoz-Bisoprolol

*Top 10 medications represent 18% of all prescriptions dispensed for the specialty.***Cardiology 8,421,263**

Lipitor
 Plavix
 Norvasc
 Crestor
 Sandoz-Bisoprolol
 Apo-Furosemide
 Apo-Ramipril
 Coumadin
 Altace
 Coversyl

*Top 10 medications represent 31% of all prescriptions dispensed for the specialty.***Ophthalmology 5,268,364**

Xalatan
 Cosopt
 Lumigan
 Travatan
 Vigamox
 Ratio-Prednisolone
 Voltaren Ophtha
 Maxidex
 Timolol Maleate-EX
 Combigan

*Top 10 medications represent 54% of all prescriptions dispensed for the specialty.***Obstetrics/Gynaecology 4,303,004**

Premarin
 Alesse
 Yasmin
 Prometrium
 Marvelon
 Estrace
 Tri-Cyclen
 Vagifem
 Micronor
 Triquilar

*Top 10 medications represent 33% of all prescriptions dispensed for the specialty.***Pediatrics 4,020,022**

Concerta
 Ratio-Salbutamol HFA
 Flovent HFA
 Adderall XR
 Novamoxin
 Singulair
 Apo-Amoxi
 PMS-Methylphenidate
 Strattera
 Biphentin

*Top 10 medications represent 33% of all prescriptions dispensed for the specialty.***Endocrinology 3,866,034**

Synthroid
 Lipitor
 Novorapid
 One Touch Ultra
 Humalog
 Crestor
 Novolin GE NPH
 Lantus
 Ascensia Microfill
 Norvasc

*Top 10 medications represent 37% of all prescriptions dispensed for the specialty.***Nephrology 3,573,879**

Lipitor
 Norvasc
 Apo-Furosemide
 One-Alpha
 Synthroid
 Avapro
 Replavite
 Apo-Prednisone
 Cellcept
 Adalat XL

Top 10 medications represent 24% of all prescriptions dispensed for the specialty.