

Pharmaceutical trends

Top 10 therapeutic classes by hospital purchases, Canada, 2008

Rank 2008	Therapeutic class	Hospital purchases (\$000s)	% Change over 2007
1	Oncology	725,151	17
2	Hematinics	181,720	-0.5
3	Anti-infectives, systemic	163,054	-14.4
4	Hemostatic modifiers	156,031	-0.7
5	Biologicals	122,876	-10.5
6	Anti-virals	115,877	12.5
7	Psychotherapeutics	107,565	-5.2
8	Immunologic agents	82,093	0.5
9	Anesthetics	65,260	0.8
10	Cardiovasculars	61,112	4.2