

Pharmaceutical trends

Top 10 therapeutic classes by worldwide sales*, 2008

Rank 2008	Audited world therapy class	2008 Sales (US\$ billions)	% Sales	% Growth over 2007 (constant US\$)
1	Oncologics	48.2	6.7	11.3
2	Lipid regulators	33.8	4.7	-2.3
3	Respiratory agents	31.3	4.3	5.7
4	Antidiabetics	27.3	3.8	9.6
5	Acid pump inhibitors	26.5	3.7	0.6
6	Angiotensin-II antagonists	22.9	3.2	12.6
7	Antipsychotics	22.9	3.2	8.0
8	Antidepressants	20.3	2.8	0.6
9	Anti-epileptics	16.9	2.3	9.7
10	Autoimmune agents	15.9	2.2	16.9
Top 10 therapeutic classes		266.0	36.7	6.6

* Sales cover direct and indirect pharmaceutical channel purchases in U.S. dollars from pharmaceutical wholesalers and manufacturers. The figures above include prescription and certain over-the-counter data and represent manufacturer prices. Totals may not add due to rounding.
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