



Top Therapeutic Classes by Prescriptions						
		Total Rx in Millions				
RANK		2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
	Total US Prescription Market	3,995.2	3,949.2	3,866.3	3,824.9	3,706.4
1	Lipid Regulators	255.4	249.7	237.1	228.8	210.4
2	Antidepressants	253.6	246.1	239.8	236.5	231.1
3	Narcotic Analgesics	244.3	241.0	238.6	230.5	220.7
4	Beta Blockers (Plain & Combo)	191.5	167.8	160.7	160.3	156.6
5	Ace Inhibitors	168.7	165.7	160.2	158.0	154.2
6	Antidiabetes	165.0	159.0	154.7	152.1	147.8
7	Respiratory Agents	153.3	152.4	146.3	146.0	139.8
8	Anti-Ulcerants	147.1	145.7	138.8	133.9	127.9
9	Diuretics	131.0	131.7	132.4	135.2	138.1
10	Anti-Epileptics	121.7	115.3	109.3	101.8	94.9
11	Tranquillisers	108.6	104.0	100.0	97.6	94.4
12	Thyroid Preps	107.2	105.3	105.5	102.8	101.4
13	Calcium Antagonists (Plain & Combo)	97.9	94.9	91.9	90.4	90.5
14	Antirheumatics	95.0	92.5	89.8	89.0	88.6
15	Hormonal Contraceptives	92.3	93.9	93.8	94.0	94.3
16	Angiotensin II	83.7	84.4	86.1	83.1	78.5
17	Penicillins	76.1	76.6	74.5	77.1	79.1
18	Macrolides & Similar Type	73.9	69.3	66.4	62.8	60.9
19	Vitamins & Minerals	71.9	69.8	64.7	61.6	60.6
20	Hypnotics & Sedatives	66.0	65.5	60.3	57.4	52.3

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Therapy classes defined using ATC defined product groups and synthesized based on proprietary IMS Health definitions

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