

**Table 6(a) Significant Drug Groups - 12 months to end June, sorted by highest Government cost 1997-98**

ATC code	Minor Groups	Financial year 96-97				Financial year 97-98			
		Volume	Govt cost	Total cost	Ave price	Volume	Govt cost	Total cost	Ave price
A02	Antacids, drugs for treatment of peptic ulcer and flatulence	7,773,043	302,720,843	349,966,050	45.02	8,062,793	322,428,727	375,565,890	46.58
C10	Serumlipidreducing agents	5,097,536	213,149,793	249,924,970	49.03	6,344,060	273,859,131	322,142,936	50.78
C09	Agents acting on Renin-Angiotensin system	8,966,120	231,137,918	296,978,398	33.12	9,709,045	242,606,560	317,631,881	32.72
R03	Anti-Asthmatics	9,344,546	208,687,020	254,574,709	27.24	9,400,484	214,581,658	264,354,699	28.12
N06	Psychoanaleptics	5,856,443	139,294,373	172,854,555	29.52	6,584,716	156,349,297	199,685,328	30.33
C08	Calcium Channel Blockers	7,350,803	147,729,173	190,901,849	25.97	7,499,707	151,094,102	196,632,540	26.22
J01	Antibacterials for systemic use	12,219,760	126,591,395	164,426,169	13.46	12,083,027	128,518,459	167,603,865	13.87
A10	Antidiabetic Therapy	2,427,583	80,150,406	87,938,805	36.22	2,678,895	88,318,869	97,495,213	36.39
G03	Sex hormones and modulators of the genital system	5,400,919	75,452,069	103,397,720	19.14	4,993,768	72,774,363	92,349,893	18.49
N02	Analgesics	9,188,021	69,594,885	91,175,266	9.92	9,203,785	72,289,438	95,565,375	10.38
N05	Psycholeptics	8,024,080	50,854,324	69,666,422	8.68	7,974,343	70,512,085	91,164,355	11.43
L02	Endocrine Therapy	315,096	53,076,880	55,230,499	175.28	315,321	59,233,001	61,529,558	195.13
C01	Cardiac Therapy	3,389,213	59,312,154	70,400,929	20.77	3,324,912	58,840,513	69,551,878	20.92
N03	Antiepileptics	1,204,222	46,836,057	54,845,160	45.54	1,234,574	52,333,743	61,055,424	49.45
M01	Antiinflammatory and Antirheumatic products	4,375,272	44,402,939	55,768,717	12.75	4,245,356	42,331,847	54,000,531	12.72
S01	Ophthalmologicals	4,550,891	42,445,445	54,542,147	11.98	4,444,665	41,370,702	53,692,553	12.08
J05	Antivirals for systemic use	179,361	34,029,356	36,248,732	202.10	212,146	37,165,810	39,989,969	188.50
J07	Vaccines	1,536,569	27,373,324	33,204,896	21.61	1,614,546	30,876,824	36,340,393	22.51

ATC code	Minor Groups	Variation 1996/97 to 1997/98				Percentage Change			
		Volume	Govt cost	Total cost	Ave price	Volume	Govt cost	Total cost	Ave price
A02	Antacids, drugs for treatment of peptic ulcer and flatulence	289,750	19,707,885	25,599,840	1.56	3.73%	6.51%	7.31%	3.46%
C10	Serumlipidreducing agents	1,246,524	60,709,338	72,217,966	1.75	24.45%	28.48%	28.90%	3.57%
C09	Agents acting on Renin-Angiotensin system	742,925	11,468,642	20,653,483	-0.41	8.29%	4.96%	6.95%	-1.23%
R03	Anti-Asthmatics	55,938	5,894,637	9,779,989	0.88	0.60%	2.82%	3.84%	3.22%
N06	Psychoanaleptics	728,273	17,054,923	26,830,773	0.81	12.44%	12.24%	15.52%	2.75%
C08	Calcium Channel Blockers	148,904	3,364,929	5,730,691	0.25	2.03%	2.28%	3.00%	0.96%
J01	Antibacterials for systemic use	-136,733	1,927,064	3,177,696	0.42	-1.12%	1.52%	1.93%	3.09%
A10	Antidiabetic Therapy	251,312	8,168,463	9,556,409	0.17	10.35%	10.19%	10.87%	0.47%
G03	Sex hormones and modulators of the genital system	-407,151	-2,677,706	-11,047,827	-0.65	-7.54%	-3.55%	-10.68%	-3.40%
N02	Analgesics	15,764	2,694,553	4,390,109	0.46	0.17%	3.87%	4.82%	4.64%
N05	Psycholeptics	-49,737	19,657,761	21,497,934	2.75	-0.62%	38.66%	30.86%	31.67%
L02	Endocrine Therapy	225	6,156,121	6,299,059	19.85	0.07%	11.60%	11.41%	11.33%
C01	Cardiac Therapy	-64,301	-471,641	-849,050	0.15	-1.90%	-0.80%	-1.21%	0.70%
N03	Antiepileptics	30,352	5,497,686	6,210,264	3.91	2.52%	11.74%	11.32%	8.59%
M01	Antiinflammatory and Antirheumatic products	-129,916	-2,071,092	-1,768,187	-0.03	-2.97%	-4.66%	-3.17%	-0.21%
S01	Ophthalmologicals	-106,226	-1,074,743	-849,594	0.10	-2.33%	-2.53%	-1.56%	0.80%
J05	Antivirals for systemic use	32,785	3,136,454	3,741,236	-13.60	18.28%	9.22%	10.32%	-6.73%
J07	Vaccines	77,977	3,503,500	3,135,496	0.90	5.07%	12.80%	9.44%	4.16%