

**Tablet 7(b) PBS Drugs 12 months comparison (with Drs Bag), sorted by variation in volume (script usage)**

Rank	Drug	96/97				97/98				Variation	
		Volume	Govt cost	Total cost	Ave price	Volume	Govt cost	Total cost	Ave price	Volume	% change
1	Simvastatin	3,507,344	152,918,150	177,741,488	50.68	4,069,518	182,849,540	212,774,560	52.28	562,174	16.03%
2	Sertraline	823,149	34,294,864	41,881,275	50.88	1,209,105	38,972,272	50,451,102	41.73	385,956	46.89%
3	Losartan	0	0	0	0.00	356,242	12,207,235	15,349,842	43.09	356,242	0.00%
4	Amlodipine Besylate	1,911,494	42,222,973	55,976,061	29.28	2,233,265	47,802,419	64,739,622	28.99	321,771	16.83%
5	Pravastatin	605,439	27,503,458	32,092,304	53.01	892,196	41,851,466	49,035,911	54.96	286,757	47.36%
6	Paroxetine	587,093	25,788,435	31,205,150	53.15	860,403	29,381,680	37,548,089	43.64	273,310	46.55%
7	Fluticasone	137,141	10,943,888	11,861,654	86.49	389,359	18,004,590	21,002,460	53.94	252,218	183.91%
8	Atorvastatin	0	0	0	0.00	241,045	12,028,343	14,409,512	59.78	241,045	0.00%
9	Roxithromycin	1,117,708	11,017,344	13,926,021	12.46	1,337,959	12,796,809	16,663,285	12.45	220,251	19.71%
10	Perindopril	1,082,591	24,042,033	32,675,448	30.18	1,271,227	27,513,278	38,026,718	29.91	188,636	17.42%
11	Omeprazole	1,438,154	128,887,009	139,529,405	97.02	1,597,536	145,555,065	158,122,590	98.98	159,382	11.08%
12	Cefaclor	1,318,778	15,212,910	18,750,808	14.22	1,473,153	16,692,472	21,078,893	14.31	154,375	11.71%
13	Quinapril	299,586	6,944,226	9,428,241	31.47	453,038	9,920,409	13,647,914	30.13	153,452	51.22%
14	Metformin Hydrochloride	968,862	12,203,659	14,573,023	15.04	1,122,057	13,982,352	16,997,366	15.15	153,195	15.81%
15	Trandolapril	377,149	7,981,448	11,146,820	29.56	530,302	10,689,376	15,164,051	28.60	153,153	40.61%
16	Fluvastatin	323,881	7,723,955	10,348,370	31.95	475,307	11,835,296	15,687,197	33.00	151,426	46.75%
17	Venlafaxine	81,269	4,808,813	5,612,515	69.06	232,594	14,082,309	16,323,442	70.18	151,325	186.20%
18	Alendronic Acid	23,184	2,072,056	2,221,675	95.83	173,125	12,905,959	13,911,448	80.35	149,941	646.74%
19	Dicloxacillin	26,008	379,035	465,769	17.91	140,713	2,202,724	2,658,181	18.89	114,705	441.04%
20	Lisinopril	1,428,267	32,011,386	43,095,612	30.17	1,542,605	34,109,099	46,664,958	30.25	114,338	8.01%
21	Ranitidine Hydrochloride	3,116,794	84,797,689	103,651,200	33.26	3,226,739	78,513,800	99,262,924	30.76	109,945	3.53%
22	Nefazodone	2,350	57,293	74,703	31.79	110,387	3,165,169	4,054,944	36.73	108,037	4597.32%
23	Warfarin	909,591	4,668,779	6,736,267	7.41	1,009,465	5,020,281	7,520,859	7.45	99,874	10.98%
24	Morphine	528,380	18,251,887	19,898,719	37.66	624,091	21,743,390	23,780,719	38.10	95,711	18.11%
25	Gliclazide	445,419	5,772,601	6,832,359	15.34	531,840	6,819,043	8,196,218	15.41	86,421	19.40%
26	Atenolol	1,926,414	14,590,921	19,475,089	10.11	2,012,464	14,306,686	19,856,480	9.87	86,050	4.47%
27	Pneumococcal	138,356	4,632,608	5,423,989	39.20	223,439	7,474,804	8,834,066	39.54	85,083	61.50%
28	Alprostadil	40,283	2,816,433	3,142,192	78.00	123,946	8,802,941	9,815,371	79.19	83,663	207.69%
29	Lansoprazole	242,585	20,234,955	22,260,388	91.76	323,201	27,182,927	30,058,156	93.00	80,616	33.23%
30	Sumatriptan	4,680	57,780	71,355	15.25	85,097	1,085,145	1,300,935	15.29	80,417	1718.31%
31	Salmeterol	201,867	8,010,990	9,395,511	46.54	276,592	10,920,202	12,936,893	46.77	74,725	37.02%
32	Olanzapine	0	0	0	0.00	71,295	18,033,459	18,458,545	258.90	71,295	0.00%
33	Ramipril	784,772	16,742,468	22,730,619	28.96	855,509	18,050,475	24,722,840	28.90	70,737	9.01%
34	Oestrogens and Medroxyprogesterone Acetate	241,832	2,985,956	3,965,939	16.40	307,056	3,739,309	4,901,075	15.96	65,224	26.97%
35	Methylprednisolone Aceponate	64,204	653,147	890,813	13.87	127,828	1,296,226	1,795,962	14.05	63,624	99.10%