

Fact Sheet – Top 20 most prescribed medicines

The table below shows the top 20 most prescribed medicines on the PBS for non-concessional patients and their associated savings from 1 October 2016.

The savings for these medicines may vary depending on a number of factors such as formulation and strength, brand, the concessional status of the patient and any discretionary fees added or discounting by the pharmacist.

The drug name may not be familiar to you however you can search the full list that includes the brand name on the [PBS website](#).

Drug name	Number of non-concessional patients benefiting	\$ savings per script	% savings per script
Levonorgestrel with ethinyloestradiol	>679000	Up to \$0.85	4.65%
Rosuvastatin	>449000	Up to \$4.63	14.23%
Atorvastatin	>395000	Up to \$2.28	12.58%
Pantoprazole	>376000	Up to \$0.45	3.20%
Metformin	>319000	Up to \$0.54	3.42%
Perindopril	>285000	Up to \$1.08	6.41%
Escitalopram	>285000	Up to \$0.41	3.04%
Celecoxib	>270000	Up to \$1.48	6.68%
Rabeprazole	>165000	Up to \$1.45	9.14%
Irbesartan	>156000	Up to \$1.89	11.41%
Telmisartan	>152000	Up to \$2.62	12.50%
Venlafaxine	>137000	Up to \$2.01	11.36%
Candesartan	>130000	Up to \$1.50	7.85%
Ramipril	>130000	Up to \$0.54	3.65%
Irbesartan with hydrochlorothiazide	>100000	Up to \$3.85	20.14%
Citalopram	>100000	Up to \$0.44	3.27%
Perindopril with amlodipine	>95000	Up to \$1.08	6.02%
Duloxetine	>86000	Up to \$2.22	11.17%
Simvastatin	>82000	Up to \$0.69	4.60%
Telmisartan with hydrochlorothiazide	>65000	Up to \$2.61	11.62%