

Table 10(b): PBS Drugs (Generic Name) Sorted by Highest Script Volume, 2015-16.

Section 85 only; incl. Drs Bag.

Rank	Drug	Script Volume	Government Cost	Total Cost*	Ave. Price**
1	Atorvastatin	7,490,700	\$85,103,958	\$121,514,059	\$16.22
2	Esomeprazole	6,747,706	\$166,509,203	\$210,238,799	\$31.16
3	Rosuvastatin	6,465,792	\$136,915,124	\$172,331,151	\$26.65
4	Paracetamol	4,946,779	\$67,940,241	\$84,110,948	\$17.00
5	Pantoprazole	4,586,606	\$46,169,367	\$67,713,300	\$14.76
6	Perindopril	3,956,980	\$40,628,901	\$60,281,624	\$15.23
7	Metformin	3,553,833	\$36,580,541	\$52,050,511	\$14.65
8	Pregabalin	3,150,492	\$139,093,159	\$171,497,777	\$54.44
9	Fluticasone + Salmeterol	3,006,437	\$148,510,188	\$194,793,783	\$64.79
10	Salbutamol	2,953,779	\$38,394,642	\$50,759,290	\$17.18
11	Irbesartan	2,854,173	\$29,783,417	\$43,880,367	\$15.37
12	Cephalexin	2,796,175	\$20,041,190	\$34,145,472	\$12.21
13	Atenolol	2,580,430	\$18,203,774	\$30,521,804	\$11.83
14	Simvastatin	2,485,415	\$20,969,872	\$32,855,407	\$13.22
15	Oxycodone	2,469,309	\$64,111,245	\$77,654,324	\$31.45
16	Amoxicillin	2,366,406	\$16,313,297	\$28,951,065	\$12.23
17	Amlodipine	2,287,286	\$16,173,441	\$27,152,530	\$11.87
18	Paracetamol + Codeine	2,277,953	\$22,081,214	\$32,665,527	\$14.34
19	Amoxicillin + Clavulanic Acid	2,245,060	\$18,405,551	\$29,740,753	\$13.25
20	Ramipril	2,219,371	\$19,175,276	\$29,882,996	\$13.46
21	Candesartan	2,046,936	\$23,971,337	\$34,225,764	\$16.72
22	Telmisartan	2,041,927	\$27,509,656	\$37,963,044	\$18.59
23	Warfarin	1,968,998	\$22,812,769	\$31,135,714	\$15.81
24	Tramadol	1,955,057	\$23,373,197	\$31,986,050	\$16.36
25	Irbesartan + Hydrochlorothiazide	1,936,369	\$26,203,527	\$35,889,983	\$18.53
26	Rabeprazole	1,928,722	\$24,987,762	\$34,254,815	\$17.76
27	Clopidogrel	1,900,880	\$25,260,627	\$33,633,724	\$17.69
28	Sertraline	1,887,189	\$15,494,802	\$24,935,314	\$13.21
29	Budesonide + Eformoterol	1,829,094	\$90,950,660	\$122,663,679	\$67.06
30	Tiotropium	1,786,709	\$94,597,554	\$108,689,695	\$60.83
31	Omeprazole	1,778,603	\$22,472,411	\$30,876,378	\$17.36
32	Diazepam	1,768,171	\$11,330,699	\$19,783,053	\$11.19
33	Venlafaxine	1,721,646	\$25,566,056	\$35,087,290	\$20.38
34	Escitalopram	1,701,964	\$15,753,319	\$24,469,989	\$14.38
35	Lercanidipine	1,678,257	\$15,373,108	\$23,249,278	\$13.85
36	Metoprolol Tartrate	1,672,150	\$13,384,359	\$20,916,519	\$12.51
37	Mirtazapine	1,606,123	\$18,923,574	\$26,456,595	\$16.47
38	Oxycodone + Naloxone	1,538,559	\$60,182,190	\$70,778,979	\$46.00
39	Temazepam	1,508,526	\$9,813,620	\$16,559,466	\$10.98
40	Meloxicam	1,498,384	\$15,823,370	\$22,943,331	\$15.31
41	Amitriptyline	1,470,197	\$12,978,683	\$19,597,094	\$13.33
42	Fruzemide	1,466,595	\$11,121,631	\$16,887,352	\$11.51
43	Desvenlafaxine	1,464,961	\$46,464,344	\$65,913,523	\$44.99
44	Gliclazide	1,405,115	\$18,289,499	\$24,137,131	\$17.18
45	Perindopril + Amlodipine	1,402,630	\$33,232,602	\$48,315,128	\$34.45
46	Buprenorphine	1,331,479	\$61,653,675	\$69,913,431	\$52.51
47	Rivaroxaban	1,246,539	\$96,288,227	\$112,155,727	\$89.97
48	Prednisolone	1,246,019	\$9,676,191	\$15,325,577	\$12.30
49	Ezetimibe	1,195,215	\$66,290,405	\$82,103,658	\$68.69
50	Macrogol-3350 + Sodium Chloride + Bicarbonate + Potassium Chloride	1,188,487	\$20,406,162	\$25,287,064	\$21.28

* Total Cost includes cost to the patient and cost to the government.

** Average Price is Total Cost divided by Script Volume.