

Table 8(b): Significant Drug Groups (ATC Level 2) by Highest Script Volume, 2014-15 and 2015-16.
Section 85 only; incl. Drs Bag.

Rank	ATC Group Level 2	Script Volume 2014-15	Government Cost 2014-15	Total Cost* 2014-15	Ave. Price** 2014-15	Script Volume 2015-16	Government Cost 2015-16	Total Cost* 2015-16	Ave. Price** 2015-16
1	Agents Acting On The Renin-Angiotensin System	23,756,351	\$331,554,624	\$456,642,046	\$19.22	23,515,943	\$325,332,401	\$451,404,011	\$19.20
2	Lipid Modifying Agents	23,132,724	\$633,220,137	\$825,312,818	\$35.68	21,918,722	\$471,941,158	\$624,913,212	\$28.51
3	Analgesics	20,409,274	\$476,362,358	\$589,538,533	\$28.89	20,025,519	\$525,054,534	\$638,787,171	\$31.90
4	Drugs For Acid Related Disorders	17,080,355	\$285,560,059	\$393,200,339	\$23.02	16,630,973	\$282,806,894	\$374,615,891	\$22.53
5	Psychoanaleptics	16,037,880	\$269,058,215	\$393,471,573	\$24.53	15,758,704	\$261,567,063	\$364,312,278	\$23.12
6	Antibacterials For Systemic Use	13,417,569	\$103,919,238	\$172,844,411	\$12.88	13,175,415	\$135,972,926	\$205,189,010	\$15.57
7	Drugs For Obstructive Airway Diseases	11,654,085	\$479,079,073	\$601,260,159	\$51.59	11,665,730	\$455,336,307	\$579,272,102	\$49.66
8	Drugs Used In Diabetes	9,097,012	\$498,921,307	\$573,152,219	\$63.00	9,607,366	\$518,792,721	\$603,710,525	\$62.84
9	Antithrombotic Agents	8,342,550	\$293,776,268	\$354,561,981	\$42.50	8,348,653	\$330,660,333	\$395,645,325	\$47.39
10	Psycholeptics	8,164,091	\$327,361,896	\$376,639,978	\$46.13	7,904,740	\$288,342,622	\$334,786,296	\$42.35
11	Ophthalmologicals	7,607,472	\$466,833,499	\$509,289,084	\$66.95	7,265,279	\$565,579,385	\$606,765,779	\$83.52
12	Calcium Channel Blockers	6,762,495	\$54,182,598	\$85,527,494	\$12.65	6,526,167	\$66,919,104	\$97,767,993	\$14.98
13	Beta Blocking Agents	6,311,742	\$74,032,903	\$107,046,382	\$16.96	6,218,726	\$82,483,949	\$113,678,145	\$18.28
14	Antiinflammatory And Antirheumatic Products	4,138,191	\$57,945,941	\$77,649,311	\$18.76	4,046,907	\$58,575,089	\$78,106,556	\$19.30
15	Cardiac Therapy	3,169,820	\$63,881,909	\$82,725,963	\$26.10	3,049,304	\$65,478,862	\$83,191,568	\$27.28
16	Drugs For Treatment Of Bone Diseases	2,754,007	\$198,228,133	\$222,049,246	\$80.63	2,433,569	\$200,591,959	\$221,956,186	\$91.21
17	Diuretics	2,363,434	\$20,742,852	\$30,542,053	\$12.92	2,350,085	\$26,881,592	\$36,846,268	\$15.68

Rank	ATC Group Level 2	2014-15 to 2015-16 - Change in Number				2014-15 to 2015-16 - Change in Percentage			
		Script Change	Government Cost Change	Total Cost Change	Ave. Price Change	Script Change	Government Cost Change	Total Cost Change	Ave. Price Change
1	Agents Acting On The Renin-Angiotensin System	-240,408	-\$6,222,223	-\$5,238,035	-\$0.03	-1.01%	-1.88%	-1.15%	-0.14%
2	Lipid Modifying Agents	-1,214,002	-\$161,278,980	-\$200,399,606	-\$7.17	-5.25%	-25.47%	-24.28%	-20.09%
3	Analgesics	-383,755	\$48,692,175	\$49,248,637	\$3.01	-1.88%	10.22%	8.35%	10.43%
4	Drugs For Acid Related Disorders	-449,382	-\$2,753,165	-\$18,584,448	-\$0.50	-2.63%	-0.96%	-4.73%	-2.15%
5	Psychoanaleptics	-279,176	-\$7,491,152	-\$29,159,294	-\$1.42	-1.74%	-2.78%	-7.41%	-5.77%
6	Antibacterials For Systemic Use	-242,154	\$32,053,688	\$32,344,599	\$2.69	-1.80%	30.84%	18.71%	20.89%
7	Drugs For Obstructive Airway Diseases	11,645	-\$23,742,766	-\$21,988,057	-\$1.94	0.10%	-4.96%	-3.66%	-3.75%
8	Drugs Used In Diabetes	510,354	\$19,871,414	\$30,558,306	-\$0.17	5.61%	3.98%	5.33%	-0.26%
9	Antithrombotic Agents	6,103	\$36,884,065	\$41,083,344	\$4.89	0.07%	12.56%	11.59%	11.51%
10	Psycholeptics	-259,351	-\$39,019,275	-\$41,853,682	-\$3.78	-3.18%	-11.92%	-11.11%	-8.20%
11	Ophthalmologicals	-342,193	\$98,745,886	\$97,476,695	\$16.57	-4.50%	21.15%	19.14%	24.75%
12	Calcium Channel Blockers	-236,328	\$12,736,505	\$12,240,499	\$2.33	-3.49%	23.51%	14.31%	18.45%
13	Beta Blocking Agents	-93,016	\$8,451,047	\$6,631,763	\$1.32	-1.47%	11.42%	6.20%	7.78%
14	Antiinflammatory And Antirheumatic Products	-91,284	\$457,246	\$457,246	\$0.54	-2.21%	1.09%	0.59%	2.86%
15	Cardiac Therapy	-120,516	\$1,596,953	\$465,605	\$1.18	-3.80%	2.50%	0.56%	4.54%
16	Drugs For Treatment Of Bone Diseases	-320,438	\$2,363,826	-\$93,060	\$10.58	-11.64%	1.19%	-0.04%	13.12%
17	Diuretics	-13,349	\$6,138,741	\$6,304,216	\$2.76	-0.56%	29.59%	20.64%	21.33%

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

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