

Rank	Brand Name	(Generic name)	Most common use(s)	Therapeutic Class	Rxs Sold (000)
1	Lorcet, Lortab, Norco, Vicodin	(hydrocodone and acetaminophen)	Pain treatment	Narcotic analgesic	121,266
2	Prinivil, Zestril	(lisinopril)	High blood pressure or heart failure treatment	ACE-Inhibitor (ACE-I)	69,805
3	Zocor	(simvastatin)	High cholesterol treatment	HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor	60,152
4	Levothyroxine	(levothyroxine sodium)	Thyroid hormone deficiency treatment	Thyroid hormone replacement	58,607
5	Amoxil, Trimox	(amoxicillin)	Bacterial infection treatment	Penicillin	52,063
6	Zithromax, Zithromax Z-Pak	(azithromycin)	Bacterial infection treatment	Macrolide	49,280
7	Lipitor	(atorvastatin)	High cholesterol treatment	HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor	49,043
8	Microzide	(hydrochlorothiazide)	High blood pressure treatment	Diuretic	47,080
9	Xanax	(alprazolam)	Anxiety treatment	Benzodiazepine	43,586
10	Tenormin	(atenolol)	High blood pressure or chest pain treatment	Beta-blocker	40,918
11	Glucophage	(metformin HCl)	Glycemic control improvement	Biguanide	40,055
12	Toprol-XL	(metoprolol succinate XL)	High blood pressure, heart failure, or chest pain treatment	Beta-blocker	38,900
13	Lasix	(furosemide)	Edema or hypertension treatment	Loop diuretic	37,451
14	Lopressor	(metoprolol tartrate)	High blood pressure treatment	Beta-blocker	29,663
15	Zoloft	(sertraline HCl)	Depression or anxiety treatment	Selective serotonin receptor inhibitor	29,483
16	Prilosec (formerly Losec)	(omeprazole)	Ulcers or reflux (GERD) treatment	Proton pump inhibitor	29,174
17	Ambien	(zolpidem tartrate)	Insomnia treatment	Hypnotic	28,324
18	Nexium	(esomeprazole)	Ulcers or reflux (GERD) treatment	Proton pump inhibitor	26,856
19	Lexapro	(escitalopram)	Depression or anxiety treatment	Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor	26,267
20	Percocet, Tylox, Roxicet, Endocet	(oxycodone and acetaminophen)	Pain treatment	Narcotic analgesic	26,243
21	Singulair	(montelukast)	Asthma and/or allergies treatment/ prevention	Leukotriene receptor antagonist	25,787
22	Motrin	(ibuprofen Rx)	Pain treatment	NSAID	25,542
23	Plavix	(clopidogrel)	Blood clot prevention	Antiplatelet agent	25,148
24	Deltasone	(prednisone)	Treat variety of diseases including, but not limited to: acute allergy, inflammation, asthma organ transplantation.	Oral corticosteroid	24,755
25	Prozac	(fluoxetine HCl)	Depression or anxiety treatment	Selective serotonin receptor inhibitor	23,271

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26	Synthroid (Brand)	(Levothyroxine sodium)	Thyroid hormone deficiency treatment	Thyroid hormone replacement	23,113
27	Coumadin, Jantoven	(warfarin sodium)	Blood clot prevention	Anticoagulant	22,830
28	Keflex	(cephalexin)	Bacterial infection treatment	Cephalosporin (1st generation)	22,080
29	Ativan	(lorazepam)	Anxiety treatment	Benzodiazepine	22,043
30	Klonopin	(clonazepam)	Anxiety treatment	Benzodiazepine	21,846
31	Celexa	(citalopram)	Depression or anxiety treatment	Selective serotonin receptor inhibitor	21,567
32	Ultram	(tramadol)	Pain treatment	Non-narcotic analgesic	21,273
33	Neurontin	(gabapentin)	Seizures control, postherpetic neuralgia management	Anticonvulsant	20,662
34	Cipro	(ciprofloxacin HCl)	Bacterial infection treatment	Quinolone	20,478
35	Darvocet	(propoxyphene and acetaminophen)	Pain treatment	Narcotic analgesic	20,412
36	Prinzide, Zestoretic	(lisinopril and hydrochlorothiazide)	High blood pressure or heart failure treatment	Combination ACE-I and diuretic	20,375
37	Dyazide, Maxzide	(triamterene and hydrochlorothiazide)	High blood pressure treatment	Combination thiazide and potassium-sparing diuretic	20,363
38	Augmentin	(amoxicillin and clavulanate)	Bacterial infection treatment	Penicillin	20,077
39	Flexeril	(cyclobenzaprine)	Muscle spasm pain treatment	Skeletal muscle relaxant	19,874
40	Prevacid	(lansoprazole)	Ulcers or reflux (GERD) treatment	Proton pump inhibitor	18,632
41	Advair Diskus	(fluticasone and salmeterol)	Asthma treatment/prevention	Combination oral corticosteroid and long-acting beta2-agonist	17,820
42	Effexor XR	(venlafaxine XR)	Depression or anxiety treatment	Serotonin/Norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor	16,910
43	Desyrel	(trazodone HCl)	Depression treatment	Serotonin reuptake inhibitor	16,701
44	Allegra	(fexofenadine HCl)	Allergy treatment/ prevention	Antihistamine	16,489
45	Flonase	(fluticasone nasal spray)	Asthma and/or allergies treatment/ prevention	Nasal corticosteroid	16,163
46	Diovan	(valsartan)	High blood pressure or heart failure treatment	Angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB)	15,684
47	Paxil	(paroxetine HCl)	Depression or anxiety treatment	Selective serotonin receptor inhibitor	15,566
48	Mevacor	(lovastatin)	High cholesterol treatment	HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor	15,299
49	Crestor	(rosuvastatin)	High cholesterol treatment	HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor	15,125
50	Bactrim DS, Septra DS	(sulfamethaxazole and trimethoprim double strength)	Bacterial infection treatment	Combination sulfonamide and trimethoprim	14,590
52	Vytorin	(simvastatin and ezetimibe)	High cholesterol treatment	Combination HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor and 2-azetidinone	14,559

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51	Cymbalta	(duloxetine)	Depression or diabetic neuropathic pain treatment	Serotonin/Norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor	14,422
53	Albuterol	(albuterol aerosol)	Asthma, chronic bronchitis	Bronchodilator	14,087
54	ProAir HFA (Brand)	(albuterol sulfate HFA)	Asthma, chronic bronchitis	Bronchodilator	13,929
55	Valium	(diazepam)	Anxiety treatment	Benzodiazepine	13,870
56	Pravachol	(pravastatin)	High cholesterol treatment	HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor	13,619
57	Klor-Con (brand)	(potassium chloride)	Potassium deficiency treatment	Electrolyte supplement	13,549
58	Tylenol with Codeine	(acetaminophen and codeine)	Pain treatment	Narcotic analgesic	13,424
59	Fosamax	(alendronate)	Osteoporosis treatment and prevention	Bisphosphonate	13,328
60	Elavil	(amitriptyline)	Depression treatment	Tricyclic antidepressant	13,298
62	Diovan HCT	(valsartan and hydrochlorothiazide)	High blood pressure treatment	Combination ARB and diuretic	13,196
61	Naprosyn	(naproxen)	Pain treatment	NSAID	13,196
63	Diflucan	(fluconazole)	Fungal infection treatment	Antifungal	12,996
64	Levaquin	(levofloxacin)	Bacterial infection treatment	Quinolone	12,898
65	Vasotec	(enalapril)	High blood pressure or heart failure treatment	ACE-Inhibitor (ACE-I)	12,746
66	Coreg	(carvedilol)	High blood pressure or heart failure treatment	Beta-blocker	12,728
67	Zantac	(ranitidine HCl)	Ulcers or reflux (GERD) treatment	H2-antagonist	12,706
68	Vibramycin	(doxycycline hyclate)	Bacterial infection treatment	Tetracycline	12,525
69	Actos	(pioglitazone)	Glycemic control improvement	Thiazolidinedione	12,518
70	Soma	(carisoprodol)	Muscle spasm pain treatment	Muscle relaxant	12,245
71	Zyloprim	(allopurinol)	Gout (high uric acid levels) prevention	Xanthine Oxidase Inhibitor	12,208
72	Medrol	(methylprednisolone)	Pain, inflammation	Corticosteroid	12,141
73	Mobic	(meloxicam)	Arthritis treatment	NSAID	12,006
74	Lotrel	(benazepril and amlodipine)	High blood pressure treatment	Combination ACE-I and CCB	11,762
75	potassium chloride	(potassium chloride)	Potassium deficiency treatment	Electrolyte supplement	11,713
76	Flomax	(tamsulosin)	Prostate / urinary disorder treatment	Alpha1-blocker	11,576
77	Seroquel	(quetiapine)	Schizophrenia treatment	Antipsychotic (Atypical)	11,509
78	Catapres	(clonidine HCl)	High blood pressure treatment	Alpha 2 agonist	11,425
79	Zetia	(ezetimibe)	High cholesterol treatment	2-Azetidinone	11,046
80	Tricor	(fenofibrate)	High cholesterol treatment	Cholesterol lowering agent	10,997
81	Celebrex	(celecoxib)	Pain, inflammation	COX-2 inhibitor	10,759

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82	Nasonex	(mometasone)	Allergy treatment/ prevention	Corticosteroid	10,463
83	Premarin	(conjugated estrogens)	Menopausal symptom treatment	Estrogen derivative	10,442
84	Lantus	(insulin glargine)	Glycemic control improvement	Insulin	10,259
85	Phenergan	(promethazine)	Nausea control	Antiemetic	10,181
86	Viagra	(sildenafil)	Erectile dysfunction treatment	Phosphodiesterase-5 inhibitor	10,112
87	Yaz	(drospirenone and ethinyl estradiol)	Pregnancy prevention	Oral contraceptive	9,962
88	Lyrica	(pregabalin)	Diabetic neuropathic pain treatment	Gamma Aminobutyric Acid	9,845
89	Imdur	(isosorbide mononitrate)	Chest pain prevention	Vasodilator	9,249
90	Adderall XR	(amphetamine and dextroamphetamine XR)	Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) control	Stimulant	8,799
91	folic acid	(folic acid)	Anemia (folic acid deficiency) treatment and prevention	Vitamin	8,784
92	Aldactone	(spironolactone)	Edema or hypertension treatment	Diuretic	8,569
93	Amaryl	(glimepiride)	Type 2 diabetes mellitus	Anti-diabetic	8,567
94	Valtrex	(valaciclovir)	Viral infection treatment	Antiviral	8,521
95	Protonix	(pantoprazole)	Ulcers or reflux (GERD) treatment	Proton pump inhibitor	8,468
96	Cozaar	(losartan)	High blood pressure or heart failure treatment	Angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB)	8,389
97	Diabeta	(glyburide)	Glycemic control improvement	Sulfonylurea	8,260
98	Calan SR, Verelan PM	(verapamil SR)	High blood pressure, chest pain, or irregular heartbeat treatment	Calcium Channel Blocker (CCB)	8,215
99	Accuneb, Proventil neb solution	(albuterol neb solution)	Asthma, chronic bronchitis	Bronchodilator	8,183
100	Omnicef	(cefdinir)	Bacterial infection treatment	Cephalosporin (3rd generation)	8,011
101	Restoril	(temazepam)	Anxiety or insomnia treatment	Antianxiety, hypnotic	7,911
102	Topamax	(topiramate)	Seizure control	Anticonvulsant	7,888
103	Aristocort, Cinalog, Kenalog, Triderm	(triamcinolone acet topical)	Skin inflammation and irritation	Topical corticosteroid	7,878
104	Veetids	(penicillin VK)	Bacterial infection treatment	Penicillin	7,871
105	Concerta	(methylphenidate)	Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) control	Stimulant	7,863
106	Oxy IR, Roxicodone	(oxycodone)	Pain	Narcotic analgesic	7,805
107	Levoxy (brand)	(levothyroxine sodium)	Thyroid hormone deficiency treatment	Thyroid hormone replacement	7,745

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108	Fortamet, Glucophage XR, Glutamet	(metformin ER)	Type 2 diabetes mellitus	Anti-diabetic	7,624
109	Lotensin	(benazepril)	High blood pressure treatment	ACE-Inhibitor (ACE-I)	7,352
110	Actonel	(risedronate)	Osteoporosis treatment and prevention	Bisphosphonate	7,261
111	Glucotrol	(glipizide)	Glycemic control improvement	Sulfonylurea	7,215
112	Ambien CR	(zolpidem CR)	Insomnia treatment	Hypnotic	7,214
113	Spiriva Handihaler	(tiotropium)	Bronchitis, emphysema COPD treatment	Anticholinergic	7,121
114	Cleocin	(clindamycin)	Infections	Antibiotic	7,112
115	Altace	(ramipril)	High blood pressure or heart failure treatment	ACE-Inhibitor (ACE-I)	6,964
116	Benicar	(olmesartan)	High blood pressure or heart failure treatment	Angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB)	6,821
117	Flagyl	(metronidazole)	Infections	Anti-bacterial	6,669
118	Digitek	(digoxin)	Heart failure or irregular heartbeat treatment	Cardiac glycoside	6,571
119	Reglan	(metoclopramide)	Heart burn, stomach problems	Dopamin receptor antagonist	6,492
120	Xalatan	(latanoprost)	Glaucoma treatment	Antiglaucoma (Prostaglandin Analog)	6,251
121	Benicar HCT	(olmesartan and hydrochlorothiazide)	High blood pressure treatment	Combination ARB and diuretic	6,235
122	Aricept	(donepezil)	Alzheimers-type dementia treatment	Acetylcholinesterase inhibitor	6,214
123	Ortho-Tri-Cyclen Lo	(norgestimate and ethinyl estradiol)	Pregnancy prevention	Oral contraceptive	6,069
124	Hyzaar	(losartan and hydrochlorothiazide)	High blood pressure treatment	Combination ARB and diuretic	6,021
125	Estrace	(estradiol oral)	Menopausal symptom treatment	Hormone	5,983
126	Atarax, Vistaril	(hydroxyzine)	Relief of itching and allergic skin reactions, nausea/vomiting	Antihistamine	5,978
127	Adderall	(amphetamine Salt comb)	Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) control	Stimulant	5,921
128	Voltaren	(diclofenac sodium)	Pain, inflammation	NSAID	5,864
129	Lopid	(gemfibrozil)	High cholesterol treatment	Fibrate anticholesterolemic	5,825
130	Tri-Sprintec	(ethinyl estradiol/norgestimate)	Pregnancy prevention	Oral contraceptive	5,780
131	Inderal	(propranolol HCl)	High blood pressure treatment	Beta-blocker	5,732
132	Vitamin D	ergocalciferol	vitamin D deficiency	Vitamin/Mineral	5,706
133	Cialis	(tadalafil)	Erectile dysfunction treatment	Phosphodiesterase-5 inhibitor	5,689

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134	Oxycontin	(oxycodine ER)	Pain treatment	Narcotic analgesic	5,677
135	Aciphex	(rabeprazole)	Ulcers or reflux (GERD) treatment	Proton pump inhibitor	5,675
136	Accupril	(quinapril)	High blood pressure or heart failure treatment	ACE-Inhibitor (ACE-I)	5,666
137	Lunesta	(eszopiclone)	Insomnia treatment	Hypnotic	5,622
138	Lamictal	(lamotrigine)	Seizure control	Anticonvulsant	5,601
139	Prometh with Codeine	(promethazine/codeine)	Nausea control	Antiemetic	5,546
140	Cardura	(doxazosin)	High blood pressure	Alpha blocker	5,525
142	Detrol LA	(tolterodine)	Urinary control improvement	Antispasmodic, anticholinergic	5,423
141	Chantix	(varenicline)	Smoking cessation	Nicotine receptor agonist	5,381
143	Glucotrol XL	(glipizide ER)	Glycemic control improvement	Sulfonylurea	5,354
144	Avapro	(irbesartan)	High blood pressure or heart failure treatment	Angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB)	5,330
145	Adipex P	(phentermine)	Weight loss	Stimulant	5,250
146	Proventil HFA (brand)	(albuterol HFA)	Asthma treatment	Beta2-agonist	5,243
147	Abilify	(aripiprazole)	Schizophrenia treatment	Antipsychotic (Atypical)	5,221
148	Zovirax	(acyclovir)	Viral infection treatment	Antiviral	5,216
149	Yasmin	(drospirenone and ethinyl estradiol)	Pregnancy prevention	Oral contraceptive	5,157
150	Wellbutrin XL	(bupropion XL)	Depression treatment	Dopamine-reuptake inhibitor	5,146
151	Antivert	(meclizine Rx)	Motion sickness treatment and prevention	Antihistamine	5,116
152	potassium chloride E	(potassium chloride E)	Potassium deficiency treatment	Electrolyte supplement	5,087
153	Niaspan	(niacin)	High cholesterol treatment	Misc. cholesterol lowering agent	5,083
154	Furadantin, Urotoin	(nitrofurantoin monohydrate)	Urinary tract infections	Antibiotic	5,070
155	Septra, Bactrim	sulfamethoxazole and trimethoprim	Bacterial infection treatment	Combination sulfonamide and trimethoprim	5,038
156	Duragesic	(fentanyl transfermal)	Chronic pain	Opioid narcotic	4,939
157	BuSpar	(buspirone HCl)	Anxiety	Anti-anxiety	4,884
158	Combivent	(albuterol and ipratropium)	Asthma treatment	Combination beta2-agonist and anticholinergic agent	4,878
159	Januvia	(sitagliptin)	Type 2 diabetes mellitus	anti-diabetic	4,868
160	Boniva	(ibandronate)	Osteoporosis treatment and prevention	Biphosphonate	4,789
161	TriNessa 28	(ethinyl estradiol/norgestimate)	Pregnancy prevention	Oral contraceptive	4,783
162	NuvaRing	(etonogestrel and ethinyl estradiol)	Pregnancy prevention	Contraceptive	4,733

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163	Cartia XT	(diltiazem XT)	High blood pressure, chest pain, or irregular heartbeat treatment	Calcium Channel Blocker (CCB)	4,681
164	Adalat CC, Nifedical XL, Procardia XL	(nifedipine ER)	High blood pressure, chest pain, or irregular heartbeat treatment	Calcium Channel Blocker (CCB)	4,641
165	Risperdal	(risperidone)	Schizophrenia treatment	Antipsychotic (Atypical)	4,633
166	Glucovance	(glyburide/metformin HCl)	Type 2 diabetes mellitus	Anti-diabetic	4,626
167	Trexall	(methotrexate)	Cancer, rheumatoid arthritis	Antimetabolite	4,623
168	Cheratussin AC	guaifenesin and codeine	Productive cough	Opiate Antitussive/Expectorant comb.	4,516
169	Lotrisone	(clotrimazole/betamethasone)	Ringworm, tinea infections	Corticosteroid/antifungal	4,405
170	Flovent HFA	(fluticasone)	Asthma and/or allergies treatment/ prevention	Nasal corticosteroid	4,403
171	Imitrex	(sumatriptan)	Migraine treatment	Serotonin 5-HT agonist	4,400
172	Bactroban	(mupirocin)	Skin infections	Antibiotic	4,369
173	Tessalon Perles	(benzonatate)	Cough suppressant	Antitussive, anesthetic	4,363
174	Methadone	(methadone)	Opiate withdrawal treatment, pain	Opiate agonist	4,348
175	Evista	(raloxifene)	Osteoporosis treatment and prevention	Bisphosphonate	4,313
176	Fioricet	(butalbital/APAP/caffeine)	Pain treatment	Analgesic	4,265
177	Glycolax	(polyethylene glycol)	Constipation treatment	Laxative	4,260
178	Diltiazem CD	(diltiazem CD)	High blood pressure treatment	Calcium Channel Blocker (CCB)	4,207
179	Ziac	(bisoprolol/HCTZ)	High blood pressure treatment	Beta-blocker	4,192
181	Hytrin	(terazosin)	High blood pressure	Alpha-1 antagonist	4,108
180	Minocin	(minocycline)	Infections	Antibiotic	4,108
182	Avelox	(moxifloxacin)	Bacterial infection treatment	Antibiotic	4,086
183	Depakote ER	(divalproex)	Seizure control	Anticonvulsant	4,059
184	Protonix (Brand)	(pantoprazole)	Ulcers or reflux (GERD) treatment	Proton pump inhibitor	4,044
185	Avalide	(irbesartan and hydrochlorothiazide)	High blood pressure treatment	Combination ARB and thiazide diuretic	4,023
186	Relafen	(nabumetone)	Pain and inflammation	NSAID	4,022
187	Lidoderm	(lidocaine transdermal patches)	Pain	anesthetic	3,860
188	Pepcid	famotidine	Ulcers or reflux (GERD) treatment	H2-antagonist	3,838
189	Zanaflex	(tizanidine HCl)	Muscle spasm pain treatment	Muscle relaxant	3,818
190	ferrous sulfate	(ferrous sulfate)	Iron deficiency	Vitamin/Mineral	3,816

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191	Zyprexa	(olanzapine)	Schizophrenia treatment	Antipsychotic (Atypical)	3,813
192	Namenda	(memantine)	Alzheimer's disease	NMDA receptor antagonist	3,806
193	Tussionex	(chlorpheniramine/hydrocodone)	Cough, allergic rhinitis	Antitussive, decongestant, antihistamin comb.	3,789
194	Thyroid, Armour	(desiccated thyroid)	Thyroid hormone deficiency treatment	Thyroid hormone replacement	3,738
195	Humalog	(insulin lispro)	Glycemic control improvement	Insulin	3,722
196	Robaxin	methocarbamol	Muscle spasm pain treatment	Muscle relaxant	3,722
197	Proscar, Propecia	(finasteride)	Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH), hair loss	5-alpha reductase inhibitor	3,705
198	Dilantin ER, Phenytek	(phenytoin sodium ER)	Seizure control	Anticonvulsant	3,631
199	Novolog	(insulin aspart)	Glycemic control improvement	Insulin	3,599
200	Clobetasol	(clobetasol)	Skin inflammation and irritation	Topical corticosteroid	3,590

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