

**FOI Request Received - FOI 5181 - (Brendon Anderson) (TAAD/P&PBSP BR) - Medicine and
Diagnosed Conditions Statistics**

1. Medicine Statistics - Provide detailed statistics for the following medicines prescribed in Australia, itemised by year and inclusive of prescription counts and repeats, from 2015 to present:

Year	Drug Name	Prescription type		Total prescription
		Original	Repeat	
2015	Allopurinol	557,776	674,481	1,232,257
	Apixaban	131,963	374,823	506,786
	Colchicine	222,626	296,293	518,919
	Dabigatran	64,619	235,876	300,495
	Diazepam	2,381,222	12,391	2,393,613
	Duloxetine	466,763	980,245	1,447,008
	Enoxaparin Sodium	335,614	90,130	425,744
	Febuxostat	741	702	1,443
	Fluconazole	22,047	21,445	43,492
	Griseofulvin	37,312	24,525	61,837
	Hydroxycarbamide (Hydroxyurea)	35,387	6,598	41,985
	Interferon Alfa-2b	183	571	754
	Prasugrel	12,040	41,869	53,909
	Prednisolone	1,342,312	725,630	2,067,942
	Rivaroxaban	287,775	795,071	1,082,846
	Warfarin	1,033,467	1,488,314	2,521,781
2015 Total		6,931,847	5,768,964	12,700,811
2016	Allopurinol	569,431	673,247	1,242,678
	Apixaban	230,298	675,802	906,100
	Colchicine	231,960	304,954	536,914
	Dabigatran	74,267	256,731	330,998
	Diazepam	2,426,163	11,511	2,437,674
	Duloxetine	496,971	1,033,862	1,530,833
	Enoxaparin Sodium	339,609	91,216	430,825
	Febuxostat	4,365	9,993	14,358
	Fluconazole	44,528	27,525	72,053
	Griseofulvin	34,649	23,545	58,194
	Hydroxycarbamide (Hydroxyurea)	36,508	7,266	43,774
	Interferon Alfa-2b	136	403	539
	Prasugrel	11,000	38,677	49,677
	Prednisolone	1,447,150	737,044	2,184,194
	Rivaroxaban	354,199	1,023,231	1,377,430
	Warfarin	907,522	1,306,493	2,214,015
2016 Total		7,208,756	6,221,500	13,430,256

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		Original	Repeat	
2017	Allopurinol	590,087	686,633	1,276,720
	Apixaban	334,423	993,833	1,328,256
	Colchicine	245,038	316,231	561,269
	Dabigatran	94,660	315,257	409,917
	Diazepam	2,448,063	10,947	2,459,010
	Duloxetine	524,703	1,086,388	1,611,091
	Enoxaparin Sodium	339,211	91,431	430,642
	Febuxostat	7,696	20,945	28,641
	Fluconazole	62,040	38,348	100,388
	Griseofulvin	32,042	21,508	53,550
	Hydroxycarbamide (Hydroxyurea)	28,696	19,006	47,702
	Interferon Alfa-2b	120	313	433
	Prasugrel	10,364	35,730	46,094
	Prednisolone	1,511,447	746,341	2,257,788
	Rivaroxaban	403,182	1,192,119	1,595,301
	Warfarin	805,332	1,149,088	1,954,420
2017 Total		7,437,104	6,724,118	14,161,222
2018	Allopurinol	621,513	725,154	1,346,667
	Apixaban	447,202	1,335,558	1,782,760
	Colchicine	251,932	324,706	576,638
	Dabigatran	107,658	366,172	473,830
	Diazepam	2,468,685	11,192	2,479,877
	Duloxetine	543,984	1,141,013	1,684,997
	Enoxaparin Sodium	332,837	88,155	420,992
	Febuxostat	9,740	29,788	39,528
	Fluconazole	55,715	37,892	93,607
	Griseofulvin	29,764	20,518	50,282
	Hydroxycarbamide (Hydroxyurea)	24,692	26,533	51,225
	Interferon Alfa-2b	40	159	199
	Prasugrel	9,352	31,733	41,085
	Prednisolone	1,506,332	755,892	2,262,224
	Rivaroxaban	450,802	1,360,229	1,811,031
	Warfarin	711,370	1,005,227	1,716,597
2018 Total		7,571,618	7,259,921	14,831,539

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2019	Allopurinol	634,579	739,701	1,374,280
	Apixaban	567,624	1,677,641	2,245,265
	Colchicine	257,028	325,510	582,538
	Dabigatran	114,341	390,687	505,028
	Diazepam	2,427,862	10,989	2,438,851
	Duloxetine	573,890	1,236,890	1,810,780
	Enoxaparin Sodium	314,618	82,013	396,631
	Febuxostat	12,052	35,760	47,812
	Fluconazole	28,610	26,192	54,802
	Griseofulvin	29,017	19,795	48,812
	Hydroxycarbamide (Hydroxyurea)	23,654	29,307	52,961
	Prasugrel	9,481	28,642	38,123
	Prednisolone	1,627,626	764,904	2,392,530
	Rivaroxaban	491,544	1,507,331	1,998,875
	Warfarin	626,511	873,987	1,500,498
2019 Total		7,738,437	7,749,349	15,487,786
2020	Allopurinol	663,883	783,571	1,447,454
	Apixaban	680,952	2,036,314	2,717,266
	Colchicine	273,356	345,069	618,425
	Dabigatran	115,542	407,444	522,986
	Diazepam	2,411,622	9,848	2,421,470
	Duloxetine	613,998	1,345,677	1,959,675
	Enoxaparin Sodium	291,023	81,693	372,716
	Febuxostat	13,739	39,973	53,712
	Fluconazole	31,254	28,140	59,394
	Griseofulvin	27,867	19,706	47,573
	Hydroxycarbamide (Hydroxyurea)	23,888	33,020	56,908
	Prasugrel	5,683	17,731	23,414
	Prednisolone	1,400,000	798,954	2,198,954
	Rivaroxaban	519,729	1,649,869	2,169,598
	Warfarin	564,828	788,628	1,353,456
2020 Total		7,637,364	8,385,637	16,023,001

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2021	Allopurinol	686,351	791,568	1,477,919
	Apixaban	799,021	2,336,823	3,135,844
	Colchicine	300,299	377,212	677,511
	Dabigatran	114,544	396,569	511,113
	Diazepam	2,326,345	9,254	2,335,599
	Duloxetine	656,686	1,425,922	2,082,608
	Enoxaparin Sodium	307,951	79,763	387,714
	Febuxostat	15,548	44,565	60,113
	Fluconazole	33,465	28,897	62,362
	Griseofulvin	25,423	18,259	43,682
	Hydroxycarbamide (Hydroxyurea)	24,117	34,469	58,586
	Prednisolone	1,443,203	781,330	2,224,533
	Rivaroxaban	573,945	1,786,783	2,360,728
	Warfarin	491,780	675,331	1,167,111
2021 Total		7,798,678	8,786,745	16,585,423
2022	Allopurinol	714,081	818,398	1,532,479
	Apixaban	915,005	2,598,006	3,513,011
	Colchicine	309,316	396,232	705,548
	Dabigatran	113,341	378,411	491,752
	Diazepam	2,203,624	9,671	2,213,295
	Duloxetine	668,418	1,478,738	2,147,156
	Enoxaparin Sodium	305,125	72,621	377,746
	Febuxostat	17,106	49,376	66,482
	Fluconazole	32,710	27,498	60,208
	Griseofulvin	23,869	16,702	40,571
	Hydroxycarbamide (Hydroxyurea)	24,075	35,914	59,989
	Prednisolone	1,746,921	780,450	2,527,371
	Rivaroxaban	619,733	1,884,464	2,504,197
	Warfarin	438,535	596,231	1,034,766
2022 Total		8,131,859	9,142,712	17,274,571

Year	Drug Name	Prescription type		Total prescription
		Original	Repeat	
2023	Allopurinol	734,348	823,084	1,557,432
	Apixaban	1,060,255	2,855,892	3,916,147
	Colchicine	317,785	396,630	714,415
	Dabigatran	110,609	354,260	464,869
	Diazepam	2,131,807	10,613	2,142,420
	Duloxetine	690,579	1,527,851	2,218,430
	Enoxaparin Sodium	320,908	77,230	398,138
	Febuxostat	19,064	52,484	71,548
	Fluconazole	35,687	28,324	64,011
	Griseofulvin	25,013	17,770	42,783
	Hydroxycarbamide (Hydroxyurea)	24,389	36,640	61,029
	Prednisolone	1,756,664	758,362	2,515,026
	Rivaroxaban	670,114	1,948,219	2,618,333
	Warfarin	412,214	554,798	967,012
2023 Total		8,309,436	9,442,157	17,751,593
2024	Allopurinol	301,389	316,255	617,644
	Apixaban	486,107	1,233,111	1,719,218
	Colchicine	137,481	165,181	302,662
	Dabigatran	44,430	134,916	179,346
	Diazepam	902,907	4,914	907,821
	Duloxetine	303,753	667,816	971,569
	Enoxaparin Sodium	136,953	33,985	170,938
	Febuxostat	8,348	21,958	30,306
	Fluconazole	16,336	11,389	27,725
	Griseofulvin	11,130	7,516	18,646
	Hydroxycarbamide (Hydroxyurea)	10,250	14,937	25,187
	Prednisolone	732,471	291,516	1,023,987
	Rivaroxaban	290,183	799,824	1,090,007
	Warfarin	149,290	189,742	339,032
2024 Total		3,531,028	3,893,060	7,424,088
Grand Total		72,296,127	73,374,163	145,670,290

Note:

Source: PBS data maintained by the Department of Health and Aged Care, processed by Services Australia on or before 9 July 2024 for period 1 January 2015 to **6 June 2024**.

Information extracted 10 July 2024.

Excludes RPBS patient's prescriptions.

PBS data does not capture over-the-counter drugs, private prescriptions (non-PBS) or public inpatient prescriptions.

Figures subject to change due to late claims and adjustments by pharmacies. Note that PBS data is volatile, and we generally wait at least 3 months for the data to settle to be considered stable for reporting purpose.

Medicines

Colchicine
Febuxostat
Hydroxycarbamide (Hydroxyurea) (medicine name corrected)
Interferon Alfa-2b
Prednisolone
Fluconazole
Griseofulvin
Allopurinol
Enoxaparin (Enoxaparin Sodium used instead)
Warfarin
Prasugrel (medicine name corrected)
Apixaban
Rivaroxaban
Dabigatran
Duloxetine (medicine name corrected)
Diazepam

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