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Brand Name	Generic Name	Therapeutic Class	Most Common Indication	Common -prefix / suffix- / -root-	Physiological System	Assigned Schedule
Tylenol	Acetaminophen	Analgesic, antipyretic	Pain, fever		Musculoskeletal System	OTC
Zovirax	Acyclovir	Antiviral	Herpes simplex virus, herpes zoster, varicella zoster	-vir	Immune System	Legend (Rx)
Humira	Adalimumab	TNF alpha inhibitor (biologic DMARD)	Rheumatoid arthritis, autoimmune diseases	-mab	Immune System	Legend (Rx)
Combivent	Albuterol + ipratropium Inhaler	Beta ₂ receptor agonist + anticholinergic	Asthma, COPD	-terol + -troprium	Respiratory System	Legend (Rx)
ProAir HFA, Proventil HFA, Ventolin HFA	Albuterol inhaler	Beta ₂ adrenergic receptor agonist	Asthma, COPD	-terol	Respiratory System	Legend (Rx)
Fosamax	Alendronate	Bisphosphonate	Osteoporosis	-dronate	Musculoskeletal System	Legend (Rx)
Zyloprim	Allopurinol	Xanthine oxidase inhibitor	Gout		Musculoskeletal/Urinary Systems	Legend (Rx)
Xanax	Alprazolam	Benzodiazepine	Anxiety	-zalam, -zepam	Nervous System	Controlled (C-IV)
Elavil	Amitriptyline	Tricyclic antidepressant	Depression	-triptyline	Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Norvasc	Amlodipine	Calcium channel blocker	Hypertension, angina	-dipine	Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Lotrel	Amlodipine + benazepril	Calcium channel blocker + ACE inhibitor	Hypertension, angina	-dipine + -pril	Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Moxatag	Amoxicillin	Beta-lactam antibiotic, penicillins	Bacterial infection	-cillin	Immune System	Legend (Rx)
Augmentin	Amoxicillin + clavulanate	Beta-lactam antibiotic, penicillins	Bacterial infection	-cillin	Immune System	Legend (Rx)
Adderall	Amphetamine + dextroamphetamine	Stimulant	ADD, ADHD		Nervous System	Controlled (C-II)
Arimidex	Anastrozole	Aromatase inhibitor	Early metastatic breast cancer		Endocrine System	Legend (Rx)
Eliquis	Apixaban	Anticoagulant (Clotting factor Xa inhibitor)	Deep vein thrombosis (DVT), pulmonary embolism	-xaban	Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Abilify	Aripiprazole	Atypical antipsychotic	Schizophrenia, bipolar mania		Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Bayer Aspirin, Bufferin, Ecotrin	Aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid)	Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID), salicylates	Pain, inflammation, antiplatelet		Musculoskeletal/ Cardiovascular Systems	OTC
Tenormin	Atenolol	Beta ₁ adrenergic receptor antagonist (selective)	Hypertension, angina	-olol	Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Strattera	Atomoxetine	SNRI	ADHD	-oxetine	Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Lipitor	Atorvastatin	HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor	Hypercholesterolemia	-statin	Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Astelín (Rx); Astepro (OTC)	Azelastine	Antihistamine	Allergic rhinitis, vasomotor rhinitis		Respiratory System	Legend (Rx)/OTC
Zithromax	Azithromycin	Macrolide antibiotic	Bacterial infection	-thromycin	Immune System	Legend (Rx)
Lioresal	Baclofen	Skeletal muscle relaxant	Muscle spasms		Musculoskeletal System	Legend (Rx)
Lotensín	Benazepril	Angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor	Hypertension, congestive heart failure	-pril	Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Tessalon Perles	Benzonatate	Antitussive	Cough		Respiratory System	Legend (Rx)
Pulmicort	Budesonide	Corticosteroid (inhaled)	Asthma, COPD	-onide	Respiratory System	Legend (Rx)
Symbicort	Budesonide + Formoterol	Corticosteroid + beta ₂ adrenergic receptor agonist (long-acting)	Asthma, COPD	-onide + -terol	Respiratory System	Legend (Rx)
Wellbutrin, Zyban	Bupropion	Dopamine reuptake inhibitor	Depression, smoking cessation		Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Buspar	Buspirone	Azapirone (anxiolytic)	Anxiety	-pirone	Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Caltrate + vitamin D ₃ , Citracal + vitamin D ₃	Calcium + Cholecalciferol	Vitamin D and mineral supplement	Calcium + vitamin D supplement for bone health		Vitamin/Mineral Homeostasis	OTC
Tegretol	Carbamazepine	Anticonvulsant / mood stabilizer	Seizures, bipolar disorder		Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Coreg	Carvedilol	Beta + alpha ₁ adrenergic receptor blocker	Hypertension, congestive heart failure, angina	-ilol	Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Omnicef	Cefdinir	Cephalosporin antibiotic	Bacterial infection	cef-, ceph-	Immune System	Legend (Rx)
Celebrex	Celecoxib	COX-2 inhibitor	Pain, inflammation, osteoarthritis	-coxib	Musculoskeletal System	Legend (Rx)
Keflex	Cephalexin	Cephalosporin antibiotic	Bacterial infection	cef-, ceph-	Immune System	Legend (Rx)
Zyrtec	Cetirizine	Histamine (H ₁) receptor antagonist	Seasonal allergic rhinitis	-zine	Immune System	Legend (Rx)
Hygroton, Thaltone Chlorothalid	Chlorthalidone	Thiazide diuretic	Edema, hypertension		Cardiovascular/Renal Systems	Legend (Rx)
Vitamin D3	Cholecalciferol	Secosteroid	Vitamin D deficiency		Immune System	Legend (Rx)/OTC
Cipro	Ciprofloxacin	Fluoroquinolone antibiotic	Bacterial infection	-floxacin	Immune System	Legend (Rx)
Cleocin	Clindamycin	Lincosamide antibiotic	Bacterial infection	-mycin	Immune System	Legend (Rx)
Temovate	Clobetasol	Corticosteroid	Eczema, contact dermatitis		Immune System	Legend (Rx)
Klonopin	Clonazepam	Benzodiazepine	Anxiety	-zalam, -zepam	Nervous System	Controlled (C-IV)
Catapres	Clonidine	Alpha ₂ adrenergic receptor antagonist	Hypertension		Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Plavix	Clopidogrel	Antiplatelet	Thrombus, embolus		Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Nascobal	Cyanocobalamin (vitamin B ₁₂)	Vitamin B supplement	Vitamin supplement, pernicious anemia		Vitamin/Mineral Homeostasis	Legend (Rx)
Flexeril	Cyclobenzaprine	Skeletal muscle relaxant	Muscle spasms		Musculoskeletal System	Legend (Rx)



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Restasis	Cyclosporine	Ophthalmic - Anti-inflammatory	Keratoconjunctivitis sicca		Optical System	Legend (Rx)
Farxiga	Dapagliflozin	SGLT2 Inhibitor	Chronic Kidney Disease, Heart Failure, Glycemic Control		Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Pristiq	Desvenlafaxine	SNRI antidepressant	Major depressive disorder	-faxine	Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Focalin	Dexmethylphenidate	Stimulant	ADD, ADHD		Nervous System	Controlled (C-II)
Dexedrine	Dextroamphetamine	CNS Stimulant	ADHD		Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Valium	Diazepam	Benzodiazepine	Anxiety	-zolam, -zepam	Nervous System	Controlled (C-IV)
Voltaren	Diclofenac sodium	Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID)	Pain, inflammation		Musculoskeletal System	Legend (Rx)
Bentyl	Dicyclomine	GI anticholinergic	intestinal spasms and cramping in irritable bowel syndrome		Gastrointestinal System	Legend (Rx)
Cardizem	Diltiazem	Calcium channel blocker	Hypertension, angina		Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Colace	Docusate sodium	Stool softener	Constipation		Gastrointestinal System	Legend (Rx)
Aricept	Donepezil	Acetylcholinesterase inhibitor	Alzheimer's disease		Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Trusopt	Dorzolamide	Carbonic anhydrase inhibitor	Glaucoma, decrease intraocular pressure	-zolamide	Ophthalmic System	Legend (Rx)
Cardura	Doxazosin	Alpha ₁ adrenergic receptor antagonist	Benign prostatic hyperplasia, hypertension	-osin	Cardiovascular/Urinary Systems	Legend (Rx)
Sinequan	Doxepin	Tricyclic antidepressant (TCA)	Depression, insomnia		Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Vibramycin, Oracea	Doxycycline	Tetracycline antibiotic	Bacterial infection, rosacea	-cycline	Immune System	Legend (Rx)
Trulicity	Dulaglutide	Glucagonlike peptide-1 (GLP-1) agonist	Diabetes mellitus, type II	-glutide	Endocrine System	Legend (Rx)
Cymbalta	Duloxetine	Serotonin + norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor (SNRI)	Depression, neuropathy, musculoskeletal pain	-oxetine	Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Jardiance	Empagliflozin	Sodium-Glucose Cotransporter 2 (SGLT2 Inhibitor)	Chronic Kidney Disease, Heart Failure, Glycemic Control		Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Vasotec	Enalapril	Angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor	Hypertension, congestive heart failure	-pril	Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Calciferol, Drisdol	Ergocalciferol; 1,25-dihydrocholecalciferol	Vitamin D supplement (biologically active form)	Vitamin supplementation, osteoporosis, hypoparathyroidism		Vitamin/Mineral Homeostasis	Legend (Rx)
Lexapro	Escitalopram	Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI)	Depression, generalized anxiety disorder		Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Nexium	Esomeprazole	Proton pump inhibitor (PPI)	Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)	-prazole	Gastrointestinal System	Legend (Rx)/OTC
Estrace	Estradiol	Endogenous estrogen	Estrogen replacement therapy	estr-	Endocrine/Reproductive Systems	Legend (Rx)
Nuvaring	Ethinyl Estradiol + Etonogestrel	Oral contraceptive hormones	Pregnancy prevention	estr- -gestrel	Endocrine/Reproductive Systems	Legend (Rx)
Levora, Lessina, Seasonique	Ethinyl Estradiol + Levonorgestrel	Oral contraceptive hormones	Pregnancy prevention	estr- -gestrel	Endocrine/Reproductive Systems	Legend (Rx)
Loestrin, Femhr	Ethinyl Estradiol + Norethindrone	Oral contraceptive hormones	Pregnancy prevention	estr-	Endocrine/Reproductive Systems	Legend (Rx)
Yaz, Yasmin	Ethinyl estradiol + drospirenone (estrogen + progestin)	Oral contraceptive hormones (estrogen + progestin)	Pregnancy prevention	estr-	Endocrine/Reproductive Systems	Legend (Rx)
Ortho Tri-Cyclen	Ethinyl estradiol + norgestimate	Oral contraceptive hormones	Pregnancy prevention	-gest-	Endocrine/Reproductive Systems	Legend (Rx)
Repatha	Evolocumab	PCSK9 inhibitor monoclonal antibody	Hyperlipidemia		Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Zetia	Ezetimibe	Cholesterol absorption inhibitor	Hypercholesterolemia		Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Pepcid	Famotidine	Histamine (H ₂) receptor antagonist	Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)	-tidine	Gastrointestinal System	Legend (Rx)/OTC
Tricor	Fenofibrate	Antihyperlipidemic, fibric acid agent	Hyperlipidemia		Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Feosol	Ferrous Sulfate	Iron supplement	Anemia, iron deficiency		Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Proscar	Finasteride	Testosterone 5α reductase inhibitor	Benign prostatic hyperplasia, male pattern hair loss	-asteride	Endocrine/Urinary Systems	Legend (Rx)
Diflucan	Fluconazole	Antifungal	Fungal infection	-azole	Immune System	Legend (Rx)
Prozac	Fluoxetine	Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI)	Depression, generalized anxiety disorder	-oxetine	Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Advair	Fluticasone + salmeterol	Corticosteroid + beta ₂ adrenergic bronchodilator combination	Asthma, COPD	-sone, -terol	Respiratory System	Legend (Rx)
Flonase	Fluticasone propionate	Corticosteroid (nasal)	Allergic rhinitis	-sone	Immune System	Legend (Rx)/OTC
Trelegy Ellipta	Fluticasone umecidinium vilanterol	Inhaled corticosteroid, anticholinergic, LABA	COPD, Asthma		Respiratory System	Legend (Rx)
Breo Ellipta	Fluticasone vilanterol	Inhaled corticosteroid, anticholinergic	COPD, Asthma		Respiratory System	Legend (Rx)
Folvite	Folic Acid (vitamin B ₉)	Vitamin B supplement	Folic acid deficiency, fetal neural tube defect prophylaxis		Vitamin/Mineral Homeostasis	Legend (Rx)/OTC
Lasix	Furosemide	Loop diuretic	Edema, hypertension	-semide	Cardiovascular/Renal Systems	Legend (Rx)
Neurontin	Gabapentin	Anticonvulsant	Seizure disorder, neuropathic pain		Nervous System	Legend (Rx) [Some states have scheduled as Controlled (C-V)]
Amaryl	Glimepiride	Sulfonylurea	Diabetes mellitus, type II		Endocrine System	Legend (Rx)
Glucotrol	Glipizide	Sulfonylurea	Diabetes mellitus, type II		Endocrine System	Legend (Rx)
Apresoline	Hydralazine	Vasodilator	Hypertension, congestive heart failure		Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Microzide	hydrochlorothiazide	Thiazide diuretic	Edema, hypertension	-thiazide	Cardiovascular/Renal Systems	Legend (Rx)



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Vicodin	Hydrocodone + acetaminophen (APAP)	Opioid analgesic combo	Acute moderate to severe pain	-codone	Nervous System	Controlled (C-II)
Cortef, Cortisol	Hydrocortisone	Corticosteroid	Inflammation, adrenal insufficiency	-sone	Endocrine/Immune System	Legend (Rx)
Plaquenil	Hydroxychloroquine	Antimalarial, Disease Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drug (DMARD)	Malaria infection, Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA), lupus erythematosus		Immune System	Legend (Rx)
Vistaril	Hydroxyzine pamoate	Histamine (H ₁) receptor antagonist	Pruritus, anxiety	-zine	Immune System	Legend (Rx)
Motrin	Ibuprofen	Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID)	Pain, inflammation		Musculoskeletal System	Legend (Rx)/OTC
NovoLog	Insulin aspart	Insulin (Rapid-acting)	Diabetes mellitus, type I, II		Endocrine System	Legend (Rx)
Tresiba	Insulin degludec	Insulin (Long-acting)	Diabetes mellitus, type I, II		Endocrine System	Legend (Rx)
Levemir	Insulin detemir	Insulin (Long-Acting)	Diabetes mellitus, type I, II		Endocrine System	Legend (Rx)
Lantus	Insulin glargine	Insulin (Long-acting)	Diabetes mellitus, type I, II		Endocrine System	Legend (Rx)
NPH	Insulin isophane	Insulin (Intermediate-acting)	Diabetes mellitus, type I, II		Endocrine System	Legend (Rx)
Humalog	Insulin lispro	Insulin (Rapid-acting)	Diabetes mellitus, type I, II		Endocrine System	Legend (Rx)
Avapro	Irbesartan	Angiotensin II receptor blocker (ARB)	Hypertension	-sartan	Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Imdur	Isosorbide mononitrate	Nitrate vasodilator	Angina pectoris	-nitrate	Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Nizoral	Ketoconazole	Antifungal	Fungal infection	-azole	Immune System	Legend (Rx)
Lamictal	Lamotrigine	Anticonvulsant	Seizure disorder		Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Xalatan	Latanoprost	Prostaglandin analog	Glaucoma	-prost	Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Keppra	Levetiracetam	Anticonvulsant	Seizure disorder		Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Xyzal	Levocetirizine	Antihistamine	Allergic rhinitis		Respiratory System	Legend (Rx)/OTC
Synthroid, Levoxyil	Levothyroxine	Thyroid hormone replacement (synthetic T4)	Hypothyroidism	-thyro-	Endocrine System	Legend (Rx)
Linzess	Linaclotide	Guanylate cyclase-C agonist	Irritable bowel syndrome, chronic idiopathic constipation		Gastrointestinal System	Legend (Rx)
Vyvanse	Lisdexamfetamine	Stimulant	ADD, ADHD		Nervous System	Controlled (C-II)
Prinivil, Zestril	Lisinopril	Angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor	Hypertension, congestive heart failure	-pril	Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Zestoretic	Lisinopril + hydrochlorothiazide	Angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor + diuretic	Hypertension, congestive heart failure, edema	-pril + -thiazide	Cardiovascular/Renal Systems	Legend (Rx)
Lithobid	Lithium	Mood stabilizer	Bipolar disorder		Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Claritin	Loratadine	Histamine (H ₁) receptor antagonist	Seasonal allergic rhinitis	-adine	Immune System	Legend (Rx)/OTC
Ativan	Lorazepam	Benzodiazepine	Anxiety	-zolam, -zepam	Nervous System	Controlled (C-IV)
Cozaar	Losartan	Angiotensin II receptor blocker (ARB)	Hypertension	-sartan	Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Hyzaar	Losartan + hydrochlorothiazide	Angiotensin II receptor blocker (ARB) + diuretic	Hypertension, congestive heart failure, edema	-sartan + -thiazide	Cardiovascular/Renal Systems	Legend (Rx)
Mevacor	Lovastatin	HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor	Hypercholesterolemia	-statin	Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Mag-Ox, Milk of Magnesia	Magnesium Salts	Electrolyte supplement / laxative	Hypomagnesemia, constipation		Gastrointestinal System	Legend (Rx)
AntiVert (Rx); Bonine (OTC)	Meclizine	Antiemetic (via histamine blocking activity)	Nausea, vertigo	-zine	Gastrointestinal System	Legend (Rx)/OTC
Melatonin	Melatonin	Hormone (sleep aid)	Insomnia		Nervous/Endocrine System	Legend (Rx)
Mobic	Meloxicam	Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID)	Pain, inflammation		Musculoskeletal System	Legend (Rx)
Namenda	Memantine	NMDA receptor antagonist	Alzheimer's disease		Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Glucophage	Metformin	Biguanide	Diabetes mellitus, type II		Endocrine System	Legend (Rx)
Robaxin	Methocarbamol	Skeletal muscle relaxant	Muscle spasms		Musculoskeletal System	Legend (Rx)
Rheumatrex	Methotrexate	Disease-modifying antirheumatic drug (DMARDs), antineoplastic	Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA), breast cancer		Immune System	Legend (Rx)
Ritalin, Concerta	Methylphenidate	Stimulant	ADHD		Nervous System	Controlled (C-II)
Solu-Medrol	Methylprednisolone	Corticosteroid	Inflammation	-olone	Immune System	Legend (Rx)
Lopressor	Metoprolol tartrate	Beta ₁ adrenergic receptor antagonist (selective)	Hypertension, angina	-olol	Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Remeron	Mirtazapine	Tetracyclic antidepressant	Depression		Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Singular	Montelukast	Leukotriene receptor antagonist	Allergic rhinitis, asthma		Immune System	Legend (Rx)
MS Contin, Duramorph, Kadian	Morphine sulfate	Opioid analgesic	Pain		Nervous System	Controlled (C-II)
Bactroban	Mupirocin	Topical antibiotic	Bacterial infection		Immune System	Legend (Rx)
Naprosyn	Naproxen	Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID)	Pain, inflammation		Musculoskeletal System	Legend (Rx)
Bystolic	Nebivolol	Beta ₁ adrenergic receptor antagonist (selective)	Hypertension, angina	-olol	Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Procardia	Nifedipine	Calcium channel blocker	Hypertension, angina	-dipine	Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)



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Paxlovid	Nirmatrelvir & ritonavir	Antiviral	COVID-19 treatment		Immune System	Legend (Rx)
Macrodantin	Nitrofurantoin	Nitrofuran antibiotic	Bacterial urinary tract infection		Urinary System	Legend (Rx)
Nor QD, Jolivet, Camila	Norethindrone	Oral contraceptive hormones (progestin only)	Pregnancy prevention		Endocrine/Reproductive Systems	Legend (Rx)
Ocuflox/Floxin	Ofloxacin	Fluoroquinolone antibiotic	Bacterial infections	-floxacin	Immune System	Legend (Rx)
Zyprexa	Olanzapine	Antipsychotic	Bi-polar disorder, schizophrenia		Central Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Benicar	Olmesartan	Angiotensin II Receptor Blockers (ARBs)	Hypertension		Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Prilosec	Omeprazole	Proton pump inhibitor (PPI)	Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)	-prazole	Gastrointestinal System	Legend (Rx)/OTC
Zofran	Ondansetron	Selective 5-HT ₃ antagonist	Nausea, vomiting	-setron	Gastrointestinal System	Legend (Rx)
Ditropan	Oxybutynin	Antispasmodic, urinary	Overactive bladder		Urinary System	Legend (Rx)
Oxy IR, Oxycontin	Oxycodone (immediate, extended release)	Opioid analgesic	Pain	-codone	Nervous System	Controlled (C-II)
Percocet	Oxycodone + acetaminophen	Analgesics	Severe Pain		Nervous System	Controlled (C-II)
Protonix	Pantoprazole	Proton pump inhibitor (PPI)	Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)	-prazole	Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Paxil	Paroxetine	Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI)	Depression, generalized anxiety disorder	-oxetine	Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Adipex	Phentermine	Stimulant anorexiatic; appetite suppressant	Appetite suppression		Nervous System	Controlled (C-IV)
Actos	Pioglitazone	Thiazolidinedione antidiabetic	Diabetes mellitus, type II	-glitazone	Endocrine System	Legend (Rx)
MiraLax	Polyethylene Glycol 3350	Osmotic laxative	Constipation		Gastrointestinal System	Legend (Rx)
Klor-Con	Potassium chloride	Electrolyte	Hypokalemia		Electrolyte homeostasis	Legend (Rx)
Pravachol	Pravastatin	HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor	Hypercholesterolemia	-statin	Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Pedialpred, Orapred	Prednisolone	Corticosteroid	Inflammation, Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA), Multiple Sclerosis (MS)	-olone	Immune System	Legend (Rx)
Deltasone	Prednisone	Corticosteroid	Inflammation	-sone	Immune System	Legend (Rx)
Lyrica	Pregabalin	Anticonvulsant	Seizure disorder		Nervous System	Controlled (C-V)
Prometrium	Progesterone	Progestin hormone (female)	Prevention of endometrial hyperplasia, secondary amenorrhea	-gest-	Endocrine System	Legend (Rx)
Inderal	Propranolol	Beta-adrenergic receptor blocker (non-selective)	Hypertension, angina	-lol	Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Seroquel	Quetiapine	Atypical antipsychotic	Schizophrenia, bipolar mania	-pine	Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Risperdal	Risperidone	Antipsychotic	Schizophrenia, bipolar mania, psychosis	-idone	Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Xarelto	Rivaroxaban	Anticoagulant (Clotting factor Xa inhibitor)	Deep vein thrombosis (DVT), pulmonary embolism	-xaban	Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Crestor	Rosuvastatin	HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor	Hypercholesterolemia	-statin	Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Entresto	Sacubitril + Valsartan	Angiotensin 2 Receptor Antagonist	Chronic Heart Failure		Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Ozempic	Semaglutide	GLP-1 Agent	Type-2 Diabetes Mellitus		Endocrine System	Legend (Rx)
Zoloft	Sertraline	Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI)	Depression, generalized anxiety disorder		Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Viagra	Sildenafil	Vasodilator	Pulmonary HTN, Erectile dysfunction		Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Zocor	Simvastatin	HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor	Hypercholesterolemia	-statin	Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Januvia	Sitagliptin	Dipeptyl peptidase-IV (dpp-IV) inhibitor antidiabetic	Diabetes mellitus, type II	-gliptin	Endocrine System	Legend (Rx)
Aldactone	Spironolactone	Potassium-sparing diuretic	Edema, congestive heart failure		Cardiovascular/Renal Systems	Legend (Rx)
Bactrim DS, Septra DS	Sulfamethoxazole + trimethoprim	Sulfa antibiotic	Bacterial infection	Sulfa-	Immune System	Legend (Rx)
Imitrex	Sumatriptan	Serotonin 5-HT receptor agonist	Migraine headache	-triptan	Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Cialis	Tadalafil	Vasodilator	Erectile dysfunction, BPH		Cardiovascular System/ Genitourinary System	Legend (Rx)
Flomax	Tamsulosin	Alpha ₁ adrenergic receptor antagonist	Benign prostatic hyperplasia	-osin	Urinary System	Legend (Rx)
Micardis	Telmisartan	Angiotensin II receptor blocker (ARB)	Hypertension	-sartan	Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Depo-Testosterone, Aveed (inj); Androderm, Testim (top)	Testosterone	Anabolic steroid (androgen)	Male hypogonadism	testo-	Endocrine/Reproductive Systems	Controlled (C-III)
Armour Thyroid, Nature-throid	Thyroid	Dessicated thyroid (T4 + T3)	Hypothyroidism		Endocrine System	Legend (Rx)
Timoptic	Timolol	Beta-adrenergic receptor antagonist (non-selective)	Ocular hypertension	-lol	Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Spiriva	Tiotropium	Anticholinergic (muscarinic receptor antagonist; pulmonary)	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)	-tropium	Respiratory System	Legend (Rx)
Mounjaro; Zepbound	Tirzepatide	GLP-1 Agent	Type 2 diabetes, weight loss	-tide	Endocrine System	Legend (Rx)
Zanaflex	Tizanidine	Alpha ₂ adrenergic receptor agonist	Muscle spasms	-idine	Nervous/Musculoskeletal Systems	Legend (Rx)
Topamax	Topiramate	Anticonvulsant	Seizure disorder, migraine prophylaxis		Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Demadex	Torsemide	Loop diuretic	Fluid overload		Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)



Top 200 Medications Prescribed in the U.S. (by volume)*

(Alphabetical by Generic Name)

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Brand Name	Generic Name	Therapeutic Class	Most Common Indication	Common -prefix / suffix- / -root-	Physiological System	Assigned Schedule
Ultram	Tramadol	Opioid analgesic	Moderate to severe pain		Nervous System	Controlled (C-IV)
Desyrel	Trazodone	Serotonin receptor Antagonist and Reuptake Inhibitor (SARIS) Histamine + alpha, adrenergic receptor antagonist	Depression, insomnia		Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Retin-A	Tretinoin	Retinoid (vitamin A derivative)	Acne, skin disorders		Integumentary System	Legend (Rx)
Nasacort	Triamcinolone	Corticosteroid (nasal)	Allergic rhinitis	-olone	Immune System	Legend (Rx)/OTC
Dyazide, Maxzide	Triamterene + Hydrochlorothiazide	Potassium-sparing diuretic	Edema, hypertension	-thiazide	Cardiovascular/Renal Systems	Legend (Rx)
Valtrex	Valacyclovir	Antiviral	Herpes simplex virus, herpes zoster, varicella zoster	-vir	Immune System	Legend (Rx)
Depakote	Valproate	Anticonvulsant	Epilepsy		Central Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Diovan	Valsartan	Angiotensin II receptor blocker (ARB)	Hypertension	-sartan	Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Effexor	Venlafaxine	Serotonin + norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor (SNRI)	Depression, generalized anxiety disorder		Nervous System	Legend (Rx)
Calan, Isoptin, Verelan	Verapamil	Calcium channel blocker	Hypertension, angina		Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Coumadin, Jantoven	Warfarin	Anticoagulant	Thrombus, embolus		Cardiovascular System	Legend (Rx)
Ambien	Zolpidem	Sedative hypnotic	Insomnia		Nervous System	Controlled (C-IV)

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