

# *Fact Sheet – Top 20 most prescribed medicines*

The table below shows the top 20 most prescribed medicines on the PBS for non-concessional patients and their associated savings from 1 October 2016.

The savings for these medicines may vary depending on a number of factors such as formulation and strength, brand, the concessional status of the patient and any discretionary fees added or discounting by the pharmacist.

The drug name may not be familiar to you however you can search the full list that includes the brand name on the [PBS website](http://www.pbs.gov.au/info/industry/pricing/price-disclosure-spd/pbs-medicine-price-drop).

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| Drug name | Number of non-concessional patients benefiting | $ savings per script | % savings per script |
| Levonorgestrel with ethinyloestradiol | >679000 | Up to $0.85 | 4.65% |
| Rosuvastatin | >449000 | Up to $4.63 | 14.23% |
| Atorvastatin | >395000 | Up to $2.28 | 12.58% |
| Pantoprazole | >376000 | Up to $0.45 | 3.20% |
| Metformin | >319000 | Up to $0.54 | 3.42% |
| Perindopril | >285000 | Up to $1.08 | 6.41% |
| Escitalopram | >285000 | Up to $0.41 | 3.04% |
| Celecoxib | >270000 | Up to $1.48 | 6.68% |
| Rabeprazole | >165000 | Up to $1.45 | 9.14% |
| Irbesartan | >156000 | Up to $1.89 | 11.41% |
| Telmisartan | >152000 | Up to $2.62 | 12.50% |
| Venlafaxine | >137000 | Up to $2.01 | 11.36% |
| Candesartan | >130000 | Up to $1.50 | 7.85% |
| Ramipril | >130000 | Up to $0.54 | 3.65% |
| Irbesartan with hydrochlorothiazide | >100000 | Up to $3.85 | 20.14% |
| Citalopram | >100000 | Up to $0.44 | 3.27% |
| Perindopril with amlodipine | >95000 | Up to $1.08 | 6.02% |
| Duloxetine | >86000 | Up to $2.22 | 11.17% |
| Simvastatin | >82000 | Up to $0.69 | 4.60% |
| Telmisartan with hydrochlorothiazide | >65000 | Up to $2.61 | 11.62%  |