

Did you know?

ALL of the following were in the top 5 major therapy classes most widely dispensed retail prescriptions medications (on a volume basis) EXCEPT:

- a. Antidepressants
- b. ACE-Inhibitors
- c. Lipid regulators
- d. Penicillins

All of the following medications below are in the "Top 10 Products" in prescriptions dispensed EXCEPT:

- a. captopril
- b. levothyroxine
- c. azithromycin
- d. amoxicillin

Match these top 2008 pharmaceutical products (by sales) to their generic names:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Lipitor b. Nexium c. Plavix d. Advair Diskus e. Seroquel f. Singulair g. Enbrel h. Neulasta i. Actos j. Epogen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> quetiapine pioglitazone pegfilgrastim montelukast fluticasone and salmeterol etanercept esomeprazole epoetin alfa clopidogrel atorvastatin
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ANSWERS:

Penicillins were actually number 15 in the ranking of Top Therapeutic Classes by number of prescriptions dispensed in 2008. The Top 5 categories were: Lipid regulators, codeine and combinations, antidepressants, ACE inhibitors and beta-blockers.

Captopril is not in the top 15 pharmaceutical products by prescriptions dispensed. The top 15 include: hydrocodone/acetaminophen, lisinopril, simvastatin, levothyroxine sodium, Lipitor, azithromycin, amoxicillin, hydrochlorothiazide, amlodipine besylate, furosemide, metformin HCl, alprazolam, atenolol, metoprolol succinate, omeprazole.

The answers to the matching, in order, are: e, i, h,f,d,g,b,j,c,a