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Forord

Bruken av legemidler i befolkningen er økende. En viktig målsetting for norsk legemiddelpolitikk er rasjonell legemiddelbruk. En forutsetning for arbeidet med å optimalisere legemiddelbruken i befolkningen er kunnskap om hvilke legemidler som brukes, hvem som bruker legemidlene og hvordan de brukes. For å få bedre kunnskap på dette området, vedtok Stortinget i desember 2002 å etablere et nasjonalt reseptbasert legemiddelregister (Reseptregisteret). Oppgaven med å etablere registeret ble gitt til Folkehelseinstituttet som fra 1. januar 2004 har mottatt månedlige opplysninger fra alle apotek om utlevering av legemidler til pasienter, leger og institusjoner.

Denne rapporten er femte utgave av den årlige statistikken fra Reseptregisteret. Årets utgave er et temanummer med fokus på Eldres bruk av legemidler. Temakapitlet (del 1 i rapporten) inneholder en del nøkkeltall om legemiddelbruk hos eldre ≥ 65 år og fokuserer på noen utvalgte legemiddelgrupper og bruken av disse hos eldre. Generell informasjon om Reseptregisteret, legemiddelstatistikk, klassifikasjon av legemidler og målemetoder finnes i rapportens del 2. Del 3 inneholder noen nøkkeltall fra Reseptregisteret og et omfattende tabellverk med opplysninger om antall individer som har fått utlevert legemidler etter resept fra apotekene i Norge i siste femårsperiode (2007–2011). Opplysningene er fordelt på enkeltlegemidler og legemiddelgrupper. ATC (Anatomisk Terapeutisk Kjemisk) -klassifikasjon er benyttet i tabellene. For 2011 er informasjon om alders- og kjønnsfordeling og kostnader inkludert i tabellene. ATC-/DDD-versjon gjeldende fra januar 2012 er benyttet i rapporten, se også www.whocc.no

Reseptregisteret har også en nettside der man kan finne kompletterende informasjon. Nettstedet er: www.norpd.no (engelsk versjon) eller www.reseptregisteret.no (norsk versjon).

Det er også mulig å søke om utlevering av data fra Reseptregisteret til forskning eller til andre formål som er i henhold til formålet for Reseptregisteret. Mer informasjon om dette finnes i bokens del 3 og på nettsiden til Folkehelseinstituttet (www.fhi.no).

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Preface

The use of drugs in the population is increasing. An important goal of the health policies regarding pharmaceuticals in Norway is rational drug use. In order to improve drug use, knowledge about which drugs are used, how they are used and who uses them is vital. In December 2002, the Parliament decided to establish a national prescription database in Norway (NorPD). The task of building up the register was given to the Norwegian Institute of Public Health (NIPH). Since 1st January 2004, the institute has received monthly data on prescriptions from all Norwegian pharmacies.

This report is the fifth edition of the annual statistics from NorPD. This year's report is a theme issue focusing on drug use in the elderly population. Part 1 of the report presents some key figures on drug use in elderly ≥ 65 years and is focusing on selected drug groups and the use of these in the elderly population. General information about NorPD, drug statistics, classification of drug and measurement methods is included in part 2 of the report. Part 3 contains some key figures from NorPD and the main tables with information about the number of individuals who had prescriptions dispensed from pharmacies in Norway during the latest five years period (2007–2011). The information includes particular drug substances as well as drug groups. ATC (Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical) classification is used in the tables. For 2011, information about age, gender and costs are included in the tables. The ATC/DDD version of January 2012 has been used in the report, see also www.whocc.no

NorPD also has a website where you can find complementary information. The website is: www.norpd.no (English version) or www.reseptregisteret.no (Norwegian version). It is also possible to apply for data from NorPD for research or for other purposes which are according to the objectives of NorPD. More information about this can be found in part 3 of the report, and at the website of the Norwegian Institute of Public Health (www.fhi.no).

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Del 1 Part 1

1. Legemidler og eldre

1.1 Legemiddelbruk hos eldre (≥ 65 år) – noen nøkkeltall

Denne rapporten har som spesialtema bruk av legemidler hos eldre. I temadelen har vi valgt å definere eldre som aldersgruppen ≥ 65 år. I de fleste vestlige land benyttes denne aldersgrensen som definisjon på eldre (1).

I tabellene i del 3 i denne boken, har vi imidlertid valgt å definere den eldste aldersgruppen som ≥ 70 år. Denne inndelingen har blitt benyttet i tilsvarende tabeller i alle tidligere utgaver av rapporten. For å kunne sammenligne med tidligere årganger og dermed følge utvikling i legemiddelbruk over tid i alle rapportene, har vi valgt å beholde denne inndelingen i del 3.

Omfattende legemiddelbehandling er vanlig hos eldre og legemiddelbruken i befolkningen øker med alderen. Legemidler til pasienter i sykehus eller

1. Drug use in the elderly

1.1 Drug use in the elderly (≥ 65 years) – some key figures

This report is a theme issue focusing on the use of drugs in the elderly. In the theme section, we have chosen ≥ 65 years as a definition of elderly. Most developed world countries have accepted the chronological age of 65 years as a definition of 'elderly' or older person (1).

In the tables in Part 3 of this book, however, we have chosen a definition of ≥ 70 years for the oldest age group. This definition has been used in similar tables in all previous editions of the report. To be able to compare with previous years and to follow the trends in drug use over time in all the reports, we have chosen to keep this definition in part 3.

Extensive medicinal treatment is common in the elderly and the use of drugs in the population increases with age. Drug consumption by individuals

Table 1.1.a: Total population in Norway in 2011 ≥ 65 years and percent living in institutions

Source: Statistics Norway

Alder	Men		Women		Total	
	Number of individuals	% living in institutions	Number of individuals	% living in institutions	Number of individuals	% living in institutions
65–69	112 862	0.6	115 283	0.5	228 145	0.6
70–74	78 248	1.4	87 060	1.4	165 308	1.4
75–79	59 022	3.0	73 721	3.5	132 743	3.3
80–84	45 690	6.3	66 514	8.0	112 204	7.3
85–89	26 983	11.4	51 304	16.2	78 287	14.5
≥90	10 986	21.1	31 673	30.4	42 659	28.0
≥65	333 791	3.5	425 555	6.5	759 346	5.2

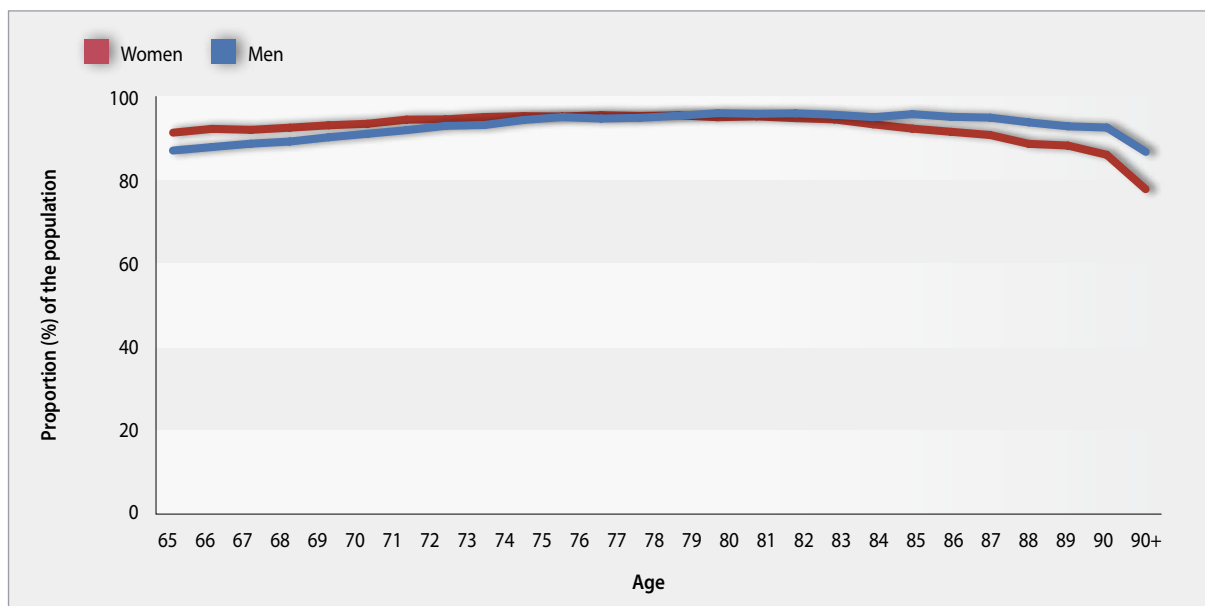


Figure 1.1.a: One year prevalence (%) of dispensed prescriptions in 2011 for men and women aged 65 years and older

sykehjem er ikke tilgjengelig på individnivå i Reseptregisteret. Dette vil gi for lave tall for antall legemiddelbrukere, spesielt i de eldste aldersgruppene. Tabell 1.1.a viser andelen av totalbefolkningen ≥ 65 år, fordelt på kvinner og menn og fem års aldersgrupper som bor i institusjon (sykehjem) i 2010 basert på tall fra Statistisk sentralbyrå. Andelen er under 1 prosent i aldersgruppen 65–69 og øker til 28 % blant de over 90 år. Totalt sett er andelen i sykehjem vel 5 % for alle som er 65 år eller eldre. Basert på disse tallene, har vi for noen legemiddelgrupper i denne temadelen (sove- midler og antibiotika) beregnet prevalens av legemiddelbrukere for den del av befolkningen som ikke er i institusjon, se delkapittel 1.6 og 1.7. For de øvrige legemiddelgruppene som omtales, er det ikke foretatt slike beregninger.

Tall fra Reseptregisteret viser at i aldersgruppen 65 år eller eldre har 91 % fått minst ett legemiddel på resept i 2011. Dersom man justerer denne andelen i forhold til hjemmeboende eldre, øker andelen til 96 %. I totalbefolkningen fikk vel 69 % minst ett legemiddel på resept i 2011 (tabell 3.1.a). Figur 1.1.a viser at andelen går noe ned hos de aller eldste på grunn av at vi mangler forskrivning til eldre i institusjon. Ved justering i forhold til hjemmeboende ligger andelen mellom 95 og 100 % også i de eldste aldersgruppene.

Andelen legemiddelbrukere er størst i de eldste aldersgruppene, og de eldre bruker også flere legemidler og større kvantum av legemidlene målt i DDD. I 2011 utgjorde personer 65 år eller eldre en andel på

in hospitals and nursing homes is not included at the individual level in the Norwegian Prescription Database (NorPD). This will often provide artificially low figures for the number of drug users, particularly in the oldest age groups. Table 1.1.a shows the proportion of the total population ≥ 65 years by women and men and five year age groups who lived in institutions (nursing homes) in 2010 based on figures from Statistics Norway. The figure is less than one percent in the age group 65–69 and increases to 28% among those over 90 years. Overall, 5% of all those who were 65 years or older lived in a nursing home in 2010. Based on these data, we have in this theme section estimated prevalence of drug users for the population living outside institutions for a few drug groups (hypnotics and antibiotics), see chapter 1.6 and 1.7. For the other drug groups presented, such estimates are not calculated.

Figures from NorPD show that in the age group ≥ 65 years, 90% of the population had at least one drug dispensed on prescription in 2011. If we adjust according to the elderly living at home, the prevalence increases to 96%. In the general population, the prevalence of drug use was about 69% in 2011 (table 3.1.a). Figure 1.1.a shows that the proportion was lower among the elderly because prescriptions for patients in institutions are excluded. Calculations based on the elderly population living outside institutions give a prevalence between 95 and 100% in the oldest age groups.

The proportion of drug users is high in the oldest age groups, with a use of multiple drugs and a higher

Table 1.1.b: Number of individuals having a prescription dispensed in 2011 in the major ATC groups and the corresponding sales in total number of DDDs. Proportion (%) in the age group 65 years and older is given in brackets

ATC group	Total number of individuals (% 65 years or older)	Total million DDDs (% 65 years or older)
A Alimentary tract and metabolism	742 144 (40)	234 (47)
B Blood and blood forming organs	597 870 (61)	215 (63)
C Cardiovascular system	998 419 (52)	717 (61)
G Genito urinary system and sex hormones	745 296 (20)	170 (19)
H Systemic hormonal preparations, excl. sex hormones and insulins	402 895 (36)	68 (40)
J Antiinfectives for systemic use	1 326 119 (20)	32 (31)
M Musculo-skeletal system	927 190 (25)	81 (44)
N Nervous system	1 279 567 (31)	342 (34)
R Respiratory system	1 223 304 (20)	247 (31)
Total	3 430 812 (21)	2170 (47)

21 % av alle legemiddelbrukerne og 47 % av totalt antall DDD som utleveres på resept (tabell 1.1.b). Størst andel eldre finner vi i ATC-gruppe B (legemidler til forebygging av blodpropp) og ATC-gruppe C (legemidler ved hjerte/kar sykdommer) der andelen eldre legemiddelbrukere er henholdsvis 61 % og 52 %, og de bruker 63 % og 61 % av totalt antall DDD.

Tabell 1.1.c viser de 25 mest brukte legemidlene på resept hos eldre. Acetylsalisylsyre (Albyl-E®) som benyttes forebyggende mot blodpropp, ligger på topp og brukes av 1 av 3 personer over 65 år. På annen og tredje plass ligger henholdsvis simvastatin (Zocor®), et kolesterolsenkende middel som benyttes til å forebygge kardiovaskulær sykdom, og metoprolol (Seloken®, Selo-Zok®), en betablokker til behandling av høyt blodtrykk, hjertesvikt og andre hjertesykdommer. Det mest brukte sovemiddelet i Norge, zopiklon (Imovane®), ble brukt av 19 % av eldre. Hver bruker i gruppen eldre brukte i gjennomsnitt ca. 200 DDD (1 DDD = 7,5 mg) av zopiklon i løpet av et år, mens gjennomsnittet blant brukere under 65 år var 150 DDD. Zopiklon er godkjent til bruk ved forbigående kortvarige søvnvansker og som støtteterapi i begrenset tid ved behandling av kroniske søvnvansker. Blant de 25 mest brukte legemidlene finner vi foruten zopiklon, tre andre vanedannende medikamenter (kombinasjon av kodein/ paracetamol, diazepam og oxazepam). Se også kapittel 1.6 om bruk av sovemidler.

Figur 1.1.b viser prosentvis fordeling over antall legemidler (definert som ulike ATC 5. nivåer) som ble

quantity of each in terms of DDDs. In 2011, the ≥ 65 year age group constituted a share of 21% of all drug users and 47% of the total number of DDDs dispensed on prescription (table 1.1.b). The largest proportion of elderly is in ATC group B (anti-thrombotic medicines) and ATC group C (drugs for cardiovascular disease) where the proportion of drug users ≥ 65 years are 61% and 52%, respectively, and they use 63% and 61% of the total number of DDDs.

Table 1.1.c shows the 25 most used prescription drugs in the elderly. Acetylsalicylic acid (Albyl-E®), used to prevent thrombosis, is top of the list and is used by every third person over 65 years of age. Number two and three on the list are simvastatin (Zocor®), a cholesterol-lowering drug used to prevent cardiovascular disease, and metoprolol (Seloken®, Selo-Zok®), a beta blocker for the treatment of high blood pressure, heart failure and other cardiovascular diseases. The most common hypnotic, zopiclone (Imovane®), was used by 19% of the elderly. On average, each user in this age group was prescribed 200 DDDs (1 DDD = 7.5 mg) of zopiclone during a year, while the average among users under 65 years was 150 DDD. Zopiclone is approved for use in patients with short term sleeping problems, and as add-on therapy for shorter periods in patients with chronic sleeping problems. Among the 25 most commonly prescribed drugs, in addition to zopiclone we find three other addictive drugs (combination of codeine and paracetamol, diazepam and oxazepam). See also chapter 1.6 about the use of hypnotics.

Table 1.1.c: The 25 most commonly prescribed drugs (defined as ATC 5th level) dispensed to individuals aged ≥ 65 years in Norway in 2011. Number of individuals (n) and proportion of the population (%)

	ATC code	Active ingredient	Use	Total		Women		Men	
				n	(%)	(%)	n	(%)	
1	B01AC06	acetylsalicylic acid	Antithrombotic	253 967	(32.3)	124 294	(28.4)	129 673	(37.2)
2	C10AA01	simvastatin	Cholesterol-lowering	203 722	(25.9)	104 812	(24.0)	98 910	(28.4)
3	C07AB02	metoprolol	Antihypertensive/cardiac diseases	170 733	(21.7)	87 357	(20.0)	83 376	(23.9)
4	N05CF01	zopiclone	Hypnotic	148 578	(18.9)	103 077	(23.6)	45 501	(13.1)
5	N02BE01	paracetamol	Analgesic	133 597	(17.0)	91 354	(20.9)	42 243	(12.1)
6	N02AA59	codeine and paracetamol	Analgesic	105 465	(13.4)	64 422	(14.7)	41 043	(11.8)
7	M01AB05	diclofenac	NSAID/analgesic	79 728	(10.1)	45 987	(10.5)	33 741	(9.7)
8	C08CA01	amlodipine	Antihypertensive/cardiac diseases	78 264	(10.0)	40 524	(9.3)	37 740	(10.8)
9	H03AA01	levothyroxine sodium	Thyroxine supplement	76 068	(9.7)	61 130	(14.0)	14 938	(4.3)
10	B01AA03	warfarin	Antithrombotic	72 041	(9.2)	30 876	(7.1)	41 165	(11.8)
11	J01CE02	phenoxymethylpenicillin	Antibacterial	71 323	(9.1)	38 489	(8.8)	32 834	(9.4)
12	C03CA01	furosemide	Diuretic	70 396	(9.0)	43 320	(9.9)	27 076	(7.8)
13	C10AA05	atorvastatin	Cholesterol-lowering	68 582	(8.7)	35 004	(8.0)	33 578	(9.6)
14	H02AB06	prednisolone	Corticosteroid	67 561	(8.6)	39 861	(9.1)	27 700	(7.9)
15	J01CA08	pivmecillinam	Antibacterial	65 351	(8.3)	51 400	(11.8)	13 951	(4.0)
16	R05DA01	ethylmorphine	Cough suppressant	56 032	(7.1)	33 583	(7.7)	22 449	(6.4)
17	R05CB01	acetylcysteine	Mucolytic	55 724	(7.1)	31 500	(7.2)	24 224	(7.0)
18	A12AX	Calcium, combinations	calcium/vitamin D supplement	55 624	(7.1)	47 013	(10.8)	8 611	(2.5)
19	N05BA04	oxazepam	Anxiolytic	52 972	(6.7)	38 525	(8.8)	14 447	(4.1)
20	A10BA02	metformin	Diabetes	51 938	(6.6)	24 726	(5.7)	27 212	(7.8)
21	N05BA01	diazepam	Anxiolytic	50 669	(6.4)	35 818	(8.2)	14 851	(4.3)
22	A02BC02	pantoprazole	Reflux oesophagitis	49 691	(6.3)	28 222	(6.5)	21 469	(6.2)
23	N02AX02	tramadol	Analgesic	48 240	(6.1)	31 481	(7.2)	16 759	(4.8)
24	A02BC05	esomeprazole	Reflux oesophagitis	47 442	(6.0)	28 622	(6.5)	18 820	(5.4)
25	R06AE07	cetirizine	Antihistamine	45 370	(5.8)	30 668	(7.0)	14 702	(4.2)

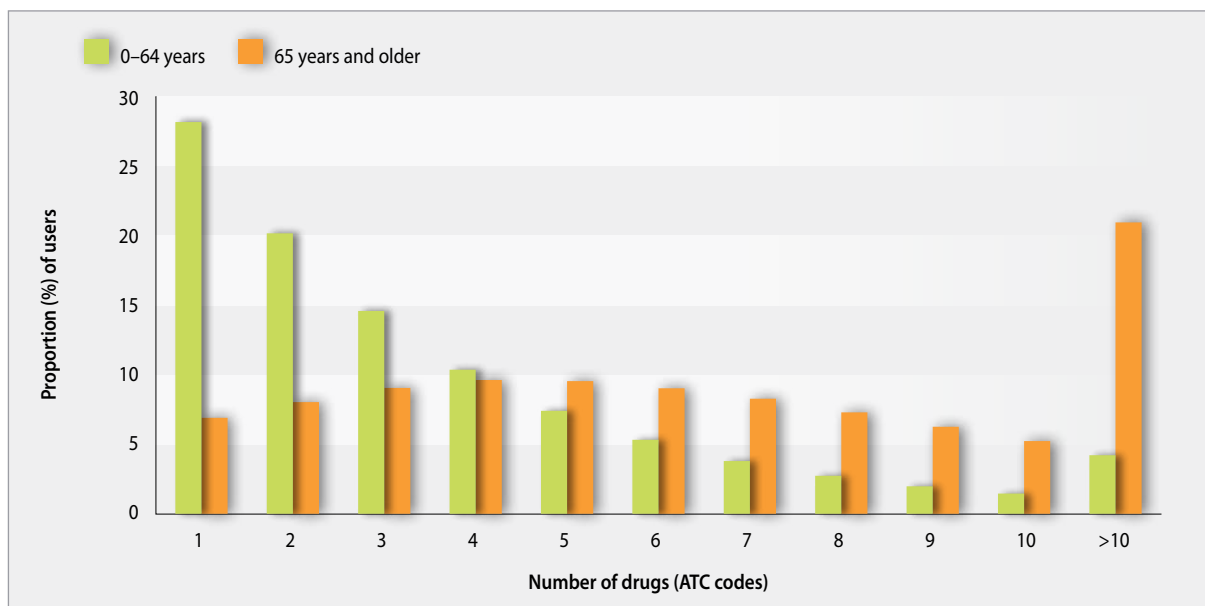


Figure 1.1.b. Proportion (%) of total drug users according to number of drugs dispensed (ATC codes) in 2011 in the age groups 0–64 and 65 years and older

utlevert i løpet av 2011 for legemiddelbrukere 65 år eller eldre i forhold til resten av befolkningen (0–64 år). 57 % av eldre legemiddelbrukere fikk utlevert mer enn fem legemidler, mens for de under 65 år var andelen under 20 %. I 2011 fikk 21 % av legemiddelbrukere \geq 65 år mer enn 10 ulike legemidler på resept i løpet av et år. Denne andelen har økt fra 18 % i 2005. For de under 65 år var andelen som brukte over 10 legemidler 4,2 % i 2011. Evidensbaserte retningslinjer anbefaler ofte flere legemidler for behandling eller forebygging av sykdom. Dersom et individ i tillegg behandles for flere lidelser, vil vedkommende ofte bruke mange legemidler. Tallene fra Reseptregisteret viser at mange eldre må forholde seg til mange legemidler og det kan øke faren for feilbruk. Det er publisert noen studier omkring denne problematikken i senere tid (2,3) og dette er et viktig felt å forske videre på for å få økt kunnskap om hvordan legemiddelbehandling til eldre kan optimaliseres for å unngå overforbruk, underforbruk eller feilbruk.

Figure 1.1.b shows the percentage distribution of the total number of individuals by the number of drugs (defined as different ATC 5th levels) that were dispensed during 2011 to users 65 years or older, compared to the rest of the population (0–64 years). 57% of the elderly drug users used more than five drugs compared to below 20 % for those under 65 years. In 2011, 21% of drug users \geq 65 years were prescribed more than 10 different drugs. This percentage has increased from 18% in 2005. For those under 65 years, the proportion was 4.2% in 2011. Evidence-based guidelines often recommend several medicines to treat or prevent disease. Individuals treated for several illnesses will often use multiple drugs. The figures from NorPD show that many elderly people will need to handle many drugs, increasing the risk of misuse. Some recently published studies have focused on this issue (2,3). It is important to investigate further to gain more knowledge on how drug therapy for the elderly can be optimized to avoid overuse, underuse or misuse.

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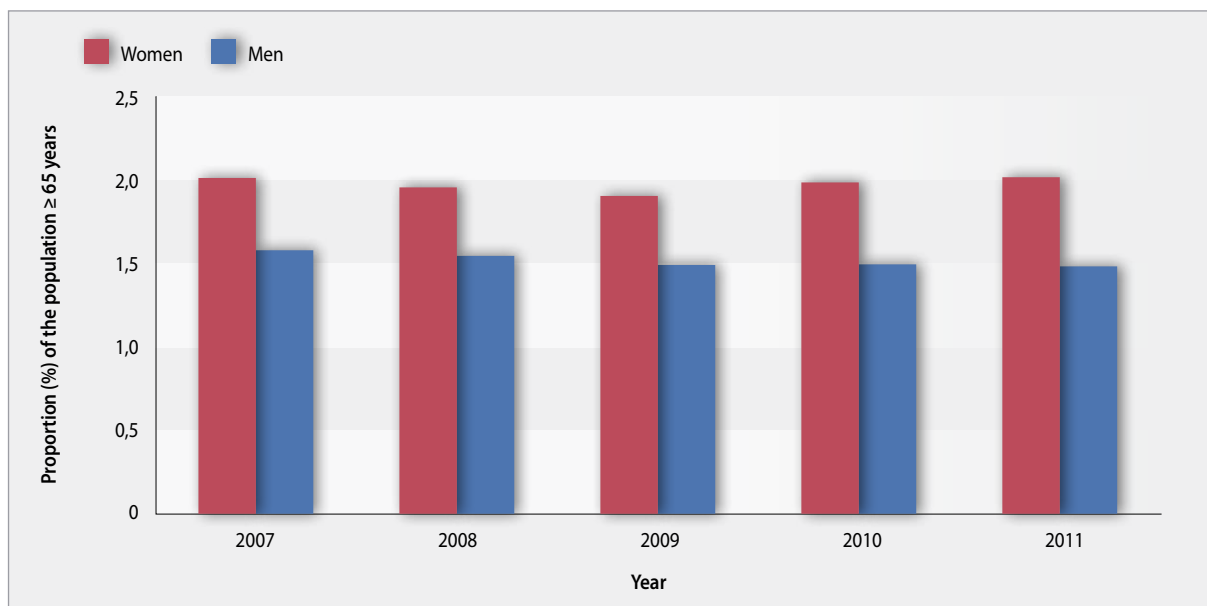


Figure 1.2.a: One-year prevalence (per 100) of anti-dementia drugs (N06D) prescriptions in men and women ≥ 65 years in Norway in the period 2007–2011

1.2 Bruk av legemidler mot aldersdemens (ATC-gruppe N06D)

Rundt 60 % av pasienter med demens har Alzheimers sykdom og dette er den vanligste formen for aldersdemens, mens vaskulær demens som resultat av kardiovaskulære sykdommer er den nest hyppigste med 20 % (1–3). De første legemidlene mot Alzheimers sykdom kom på markedet i Norge rundt år 2000 og i dag er det fire legemidler godkjent. Donepezil (Aricept®), rivastigmin (Exelon®) og galantamin (Reminyl®) har lignende virkemåte, mens det fjerde, memantin (Ebixa®), virker på en litt annen måte. Alle legemidlene har noe begrenset effekt og kan ikke stoppe utviklingen av sykdommen bare bedre noen av symptomene. Kliniske studier av aldersdemens legemidler har vist at effekten varierer og det betyr at noen pasienter kan ha god effekt, mens andre har liten eller ingen effekt. Det finnes fortsatt ingen kriterier som gjør det mulig å vite på forhånd hvilke pasienter som har effekt av demenslegemidler. I juli 2002 ble demensmidlene inkludert i refusjonsordningen. Memantin som kom på markedet i 2002 ble inkludert i refusjonsordningen først fra desember 2010. Legemiddelverket har satt som krav for refusjon av demenslegemidlene at "effekten av behandlingen skal kontrolleres og dokumenteres i journal minst hver 6. måned".

1.2 Use of anti-dementia drugs in the elderly population (ATC group N06D)

Around 60% of patients with dementia have Alzheimer's disease, the most common form of dementia. Vascular dementia due to cardiovascular disease is the second most common and accounts for 20% (1–3). The first drugs for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease were introduced in Norway around 2000. Four drugs are currently approved; donepezil (Aricept®), rivastigmine (Exelon®) and galantamine (Reminyl®) act in a similar way, whereas memantine (Ebixa®) has a different mechanism of action. All drugs have limited efficacy and cannot halt disease progression, only the worsening of symptoms. Results from randomized clinical trials with anti-dementia drugs have shown great variation in efficacy that implies that some patients have a positive effect, while others have little or no effect. However, it is not possible to know in advance of treatment which patients will gain the highest benefits. In July 2002, anti-dementia drugs were included in the reimbursement system. Memantine was marketed in Norway in 2002 and was included in the reimbursement system from December 2010. The requirement for reimbursement of anti-dementia drugs set by the Norwegian authorities is that "the effect of treatment should be monitored and documented in the patient's medical records at least every 6 months".

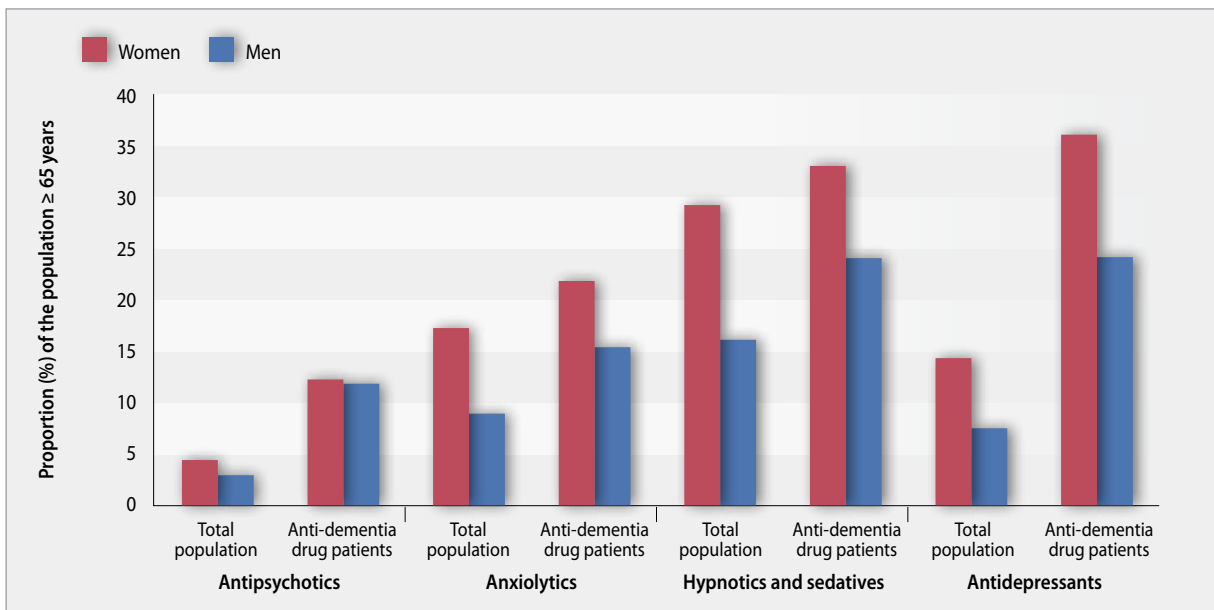


Figure 1.2.b: Prevalence of use (per 100) of antipsychotics (N05A), anxiolytics (N05B), hypnotics/sedatives (N05C) and antidepressants (N06A) in the elderly population who were dispensed anti-dementia drugs in 2011 compared to the total Norwegian population aged ≥ 65 years

Figure 1.2.a shows the percentage (prevalence) of elderly ≥ 65 years who had at least one anti-dementia drug dispensed. The proportion has remained relatively stable in the period 2007–2011, around 2% for women and around 1.5% for men. 63% of all patients using anti-dementia drugs in 2011 were women. The high proportion of women is probably partly influenced by the fact that there are more elderly women than men in Norway. 95% of all patients using anti-dementia drugs in 2011 were 65 years or older. There were a total of 14 000 home-dwelling users of anti-dementia drugs in 2011 aged ≥ 65 years, of whom around 5000 individuals were new users. New users of anti-dementia drugs were defined as those who had not been dispensed drugs in this class in the preceding year, i.e. 2010. The annual number of new users and the total number of users have remained relatively unchanged in the period 2007–2011, implying that there is a balance between the numbers who start and stop treatment during a year. Lack of efficacy and adverse events can be reasons for stopping treatment. In addition, patients who are admitted to nursing homes or those who die in the course of the year will not be registered in the NorPD.

Figure 1.2.a viser prosentvis andel (prevalens) eldre ≥ 65 år som fikk utlevert minst ett demensmiddel. Andelen har vært relativt stabil i perioden 2007–2011, rundt 2 % for kvinner og hos menn rundt 1,5 %. 63 % av alle som fikk demensmidler i 2011 var kvinner. Dette har blant annet sammenheng med at det er flere eldre kvinner enn menn i Norge. 95 % av alle som fikk demensmidler i 2011 var 65 år eller eldre. Det var totalt 14 000 hjemmeboende brukere av demensmidler i 2011 i aldersgruppen ≥ 65 år, hvorav antall nye utgjorde rundt 5000 personer. Nye brukere av demensmidler er definert ut fra at de ikke fikk utlevert disse legemidlene i 2010. Både antall nye brukere og totalt antall brukere har holdt seg relativt uforandret i perioden 2007–2011 og dette innebærer at det er like mange som avslutter behandlingen og som starter behandling i løpet av et år. Manglende effekt av behandling og bivirkninger kan være noen av årsakene, men i tillegg faller noen personer utenfor Reseptregisteret pga at de flytter til sykehjem, og noen dør i løpet av året.

Forskrivning av legemidler til individer i institusjon er ikke med i tallene som presenteres i denne rapporten. Basert på antall solgte doser (DDD) til sykehjem i 2011 er det beregnet at rundt 30 % av alt salg av demensmidler kan tilskrives sykehjemsbeboere. Tallene er beregnet ut fra totalomsetning av demensmidler basert på Folkehelseinstituttets Grossistbaserte legemiddelstatistikk (4).

Data on drug prescriptions to individuals in nursing home are not included in the figures presented in this report. Based on the sales in number of doses (DDD) in 2011, it is estimated that around 30% of total sales of anti-dementia drugs can be attributed to use in

Table 1.2.a: Number of men and women (≥65 years) with at least one dementia drug dispensed in 2011, distributed according to the total number of drugs (ATC codes) dispensed during 2011.

Gender	1-5 drugs n (%)	6-10 drugs n (%)	11-15 drugs n (%)	>15 drugs n (%)	Total n (%)
Men	1 535 (30)	2 277 (44)	1 013 (20)	337 (7)	5 162 (100)
Women	2 310 (26)	3 807 (43)	1 916 (22)	779 (9)	8 812 (100)
Total	3 845 (28)	6 084 (44)	2 929 (21)	1 116 (8)	13 974 (100)

Antall brukere for de ulike demenslegemidlene er vist i tabell 3.13, s. 113. Økningen i antall brukere i 2011 er størst for memantin. Dette må ses i sammenheng med at legemidlet ble tatt inn i refusjonsordningen i desember 2010.

Tall fra Reseptregisteret viser at de som får demensmidler også bruker mange andre legemidler. Tabell 1.2.a viser fordeling av kvinner og menn ut fra antall legemidler som ble utlevert i løpet av 2011, hvorav minst ett var demenslegemiddel (N06D). Antall legemidler er definert som ulike ATC-koder (på virkestoff nivå). Noen av legemidlene kan være gitt som akutt behandling, for eksempel behandling av infeksjoner med antibiotika, mens andre legemidler er til kronisk behandling. Dette innebærer at ikke alle legemidlene nødvendigvis er forskrevet til samtidig bruk. Bytte av legemiddelbehandling i løpet av et år vil også medføre at antall legemidler til en pasient kan bli høyt. Totalt fikk rundt 30 % av alle som fikk demensmidler over 10 legemidler i 2011. Legemiddelrelaterte problemer kan øke ved bruk av mange legemidler samtidig.

Figur 1.2.b viser andelen som fikk utlevert minst ett antipsykotikum (N05A), middel mot angst (N05B), sovemiddel (N05C) og/eller antidepressivum (N06A) hos eldre brukere av demensmidler i 2011 i forhold til tilsvarende andeler i hele befolkningen av eldre. Andelen som bruker ovenfor nevnte midler var høyere i demenspopulasjonen. Dette gjelder særlig midler mot depresjon og antipsykotika. I demensgruppen fikk 36 % av kvinnene også midler mot depresjon mens

nursing homes. This figure is calculated from the total sales of anti-dementia drugs from the Norwegian Drug Wholesale Statistics (4).

Number of users for the various anti-dementia drugs are shown in table 3.13, p. 113. The highest increase in the number of users in 2011 is observed for memantine and this is probably due to the inclusion of memantine in the reimbursement scheme in December 2010.

Figures from the NorPD show that patients using anti-dementia drugs also use many other drugs. Table 1.2.a shows the distribution of women and men according to the number of drugs that were dispensed in 2011, where at least one was an anti-dementia drug (N06D). Number of drugs is based on counting of the different ATC codes (active ingredient level) dispensed. Some of the drugs dispensed can be used for acute short-term disease e.g. antibacterials for treatment of infections, while other drugs are intended for chronic diseases. This implies that not all drugs are necessarily prescribed for concurrent use. Changes in drug therapy will also influence the total number of drugs dispensed to a patient during a year. Overall, around 30% of all dementia patients will have more than 10 drugs dispensed during 2011. The use of many drugs will increase the risk of drug-related problems.

Figure 1.2.b shows the proportion who had at least one antipsychotic (N05A), anxiolytic (N05B), hypnotic and sedative (N05C) and/or antidepressant (N06A) among elderly users of anti-dementia drugs in 2011, compared to the total population aged 65 years or older. The use of

gjennomsnittet i befolkningen var 14 %. For menn var tilsvarende andeler 24 og 7 % (figur 1.2.b). Det er ikke uventet at bruken av psykofarmaka er høyere i demensgruppen da dette er en spesielt sårbar gruppe med mye angst, depresjon og uro. Diskusjon rundt bruk av dempende midler hos demente er viktig både for å oppnå optimal bruk og unngå overmedisinering.

the specified drug groups was higher in the dementia population compared to the total population. The differences were particularly visible for the use of antidepressants and antipsychotics. In the dementia group, 36% of women used antidepressants compared to 14 % in the total population. For men, the corresponding figures for antidepressants were 24 and 7% (figure 1.2.b). It is not unexpected that the use of psychotropic drugs is higher in the dementia group as this is a particularly vulnerable group of patients with more anxiety and depression. Focus on the optimal use of psychotropics in dementia patients is of importance in order to achieve optimal treatment and reduce unfavorable over-treatment.

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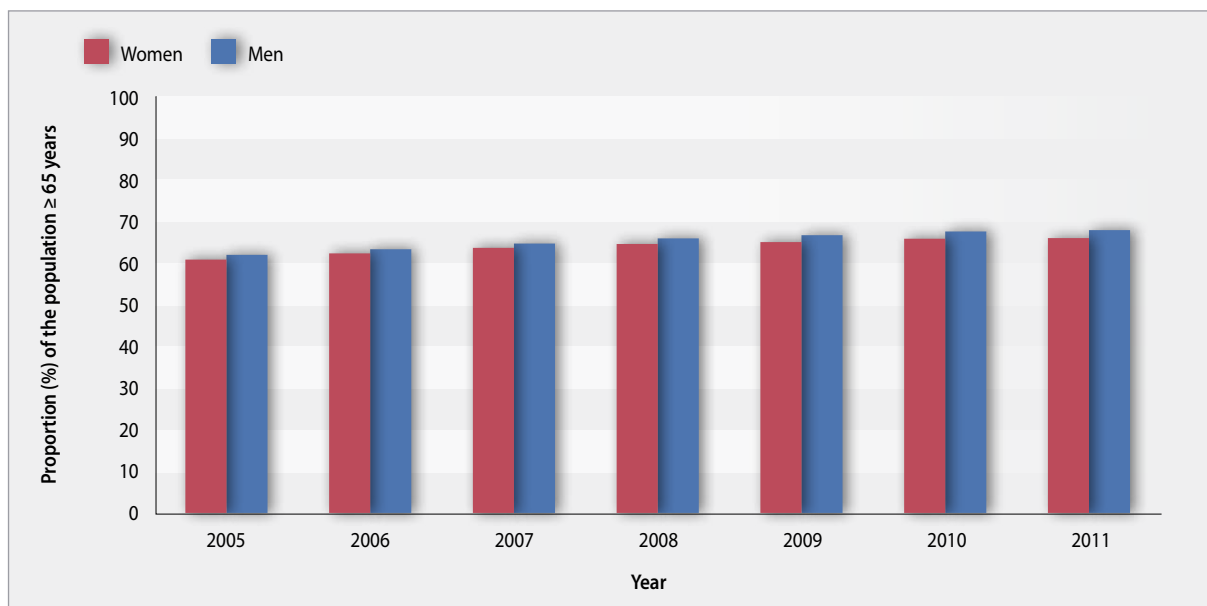


Figure 1.3.a: One-year prevalence (per 100) of cardiovascular prescriptions (ATC group C) in the Norwegian population aged 65 years or older 2005–2011

1.3 Bruk av legemidler ved hjerte- og karsykdommer hos eldre (ATC-gruppe C)

Hjerte- og karsykdommer øker med alderen og dette kapitlet fokuserer på bruk av legemidler blant eldre (65 år eller eldre). Legemidler klassifisert i ATC-gruppe C brukes til behandling av blant annet høyt blodtrykk, hjertesvikt, angina pectoris og høyt kolesterol. Bruk av hjerte og kar legemidler i den generelle populasjonen er omtalt tidligere (1,2).

Totalt fikk 520 591 eldre menn og kvinner ekspedert minst en resept på et medikament innenfor ATC-gruppe C i 2011. Dette tilsvarer en ett års prevalens på 65 % hos kvinner og 67 % hos menn. Dette er en økning i forhold til 2005 hvor prevalensen var 60 % hos kvinner og 61 % hos menn (figur 1.3.a). Andelene som bruker slike legemidler øker med alderen opp til ca. 90 år (figur 1.3.b). I aldersgruppen 75–89 år hadde over 70 % fått utlevert minst ett hjerte-karmiddel i 2011.

Bruk av legemidler ved behandling av høyt blodtrykk og andre hjerte- og karsykdommer

Legemidler innenfor gruppene diuretika (C03), betablokkere (C07), kalsiumkanalblokkere (C08) og ACE-hemmere/Angiotensin II-blokkere (C09) brukes til behandling av ulike sykdommer hvorav de mest vanlige er høyt blodtrykk, angina, ødemer og hjertesvikt.

1.3 Use of cardiovascular drugs in the elderly (ATC group C)

Cardiovascular disease increases with age and this chapter will focus on the use of medicines among the elderly (aged 65 years or older). Drugs classified in ATC group C are used to treat different diseases such as hypertension, heart failure, angina pectoris and high cholesterol. The use of cardiovascular drugs in the general population has been presented in previous reports (1, 2).

In 2011, a total of 520 591 elderly men and women had at least one prescription dispensed for a medicinal product in ATC group C. This corresponds to a one-year prevalence of 65% in women and 67% in men. This is an increase compared to 2005 where the prevalence was 60% in women and 61% in men (figure 1.3.a). The proportion using these drugs increases with age up to about 90 years (figure 1.3.b). In 2011, over 70% of the 75–89 year age group had at least one cardiovascular drug dispensed.

Use of medicines to treat hypertension and other cardiovascular disease

Drugs in various groups such as diuretics (C03), beta blockers (C07), calcium channel blockers (C08) and ACE inhibitors / angiotensin II blockers (C09) are used to treat different diseases. such as high blood pressure, angina, oedema and heart failure.

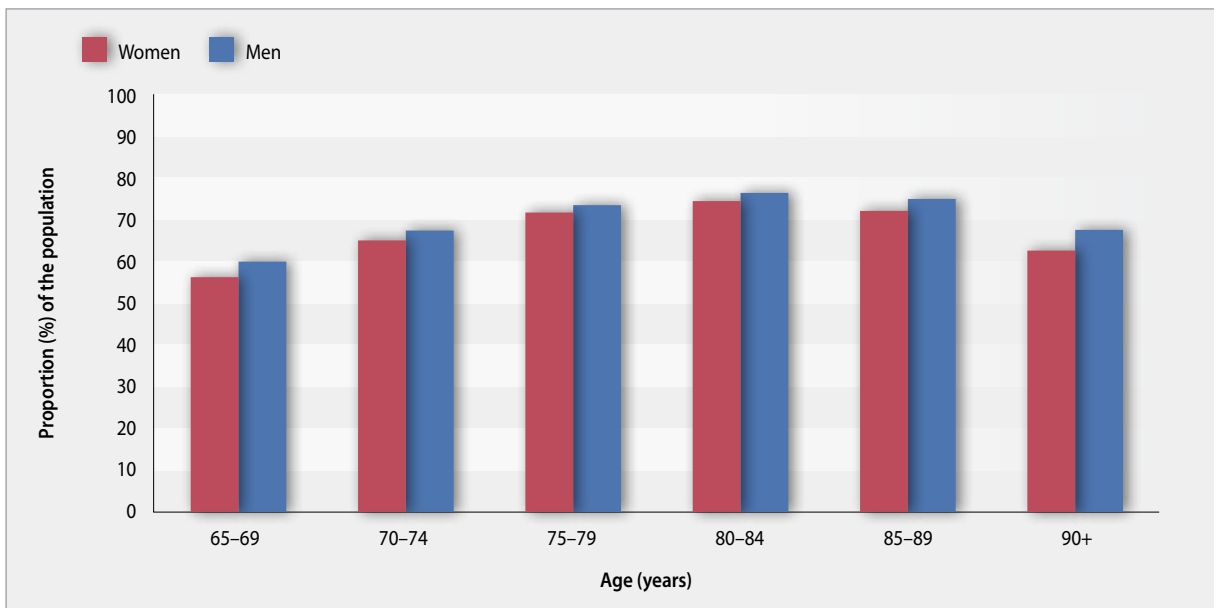


Figure 1.3.b: One-year prevalence (per 100) of cardiovascular prescriptions (ATC group C) in 2011 in the Norwegian population aged 65 years or older

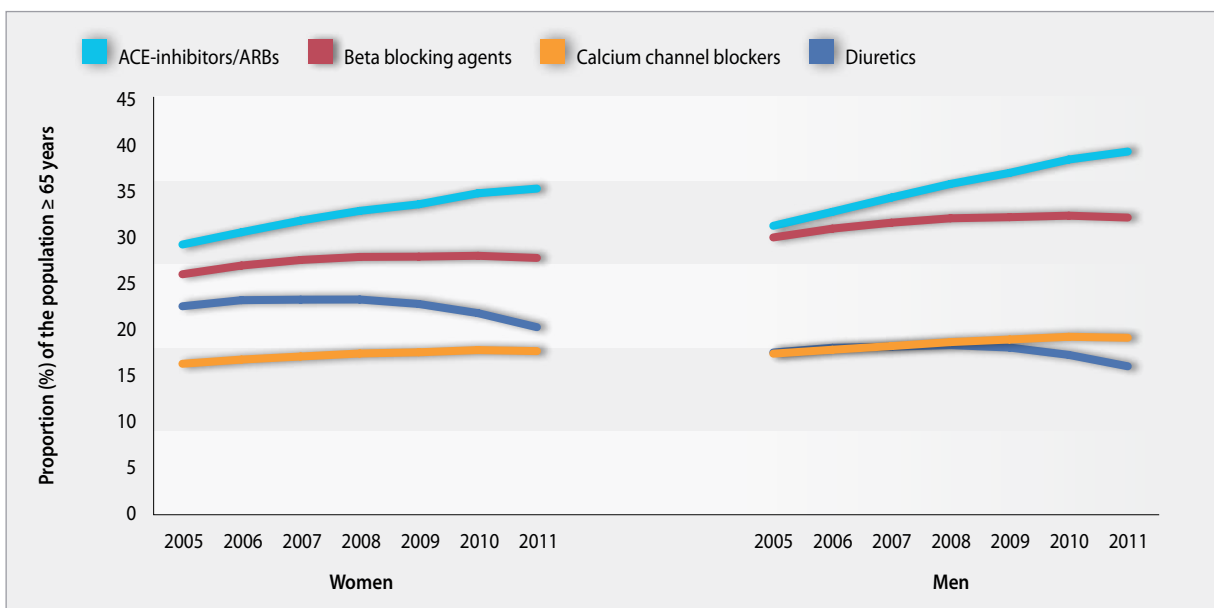


Figure 1.3.c: One-year prevalence (per 100) of prescriptions of diuretics (C03), beta blockers (C07), calcium channel blockers (C08) and ARBs/ACE inhibitors (C09) in the period 2005–2011 in the Norwegian population aged 65 years or older

I 2011 fikk over halvparten av den eldre befolkning ekspedert minst en resept på et legemiddel i ovenfor nevnte grupper (57 % kvinner og 60 % menn).

Figur 1.3.c viser prevalensen av bruk av de ulike grup-pene i perioden 2005–2011 hos henholdsvis kvinner og menn. Størst økning i andel brukere sees innenfor legemidler som virker på renin-angiotensin systemet.

In 2011, over half of the elderly population had at least one prescription dispensed for a medicinal product in one of these groups (57% women and 60% men).

Figure 1.3.c shows the prevalence of use of the various groups in the period 2005–2011 in women and men. The greatest increase in the proportion of users is seen in drugs acting on the renin-angiotensin system (C09).

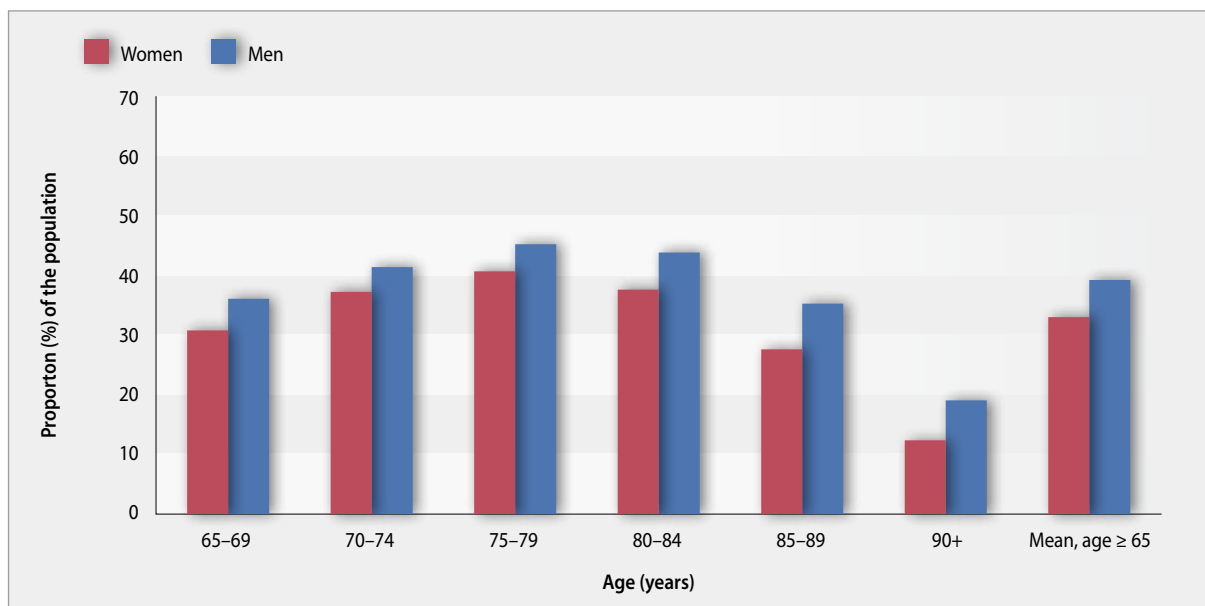


Figure 1.3.d: One-year prevalence (per 100) of prescriptions of statins in the Norwegian population aged 65 years or older in 2011

ATC-gruppe C09 inkluderer både ACE-hemmere og angiotensin II receptor blokkere (ARB), som usammensatte preparater og kombinasjonspreparater (med f.eks. hydroklorotiazid som er et diuretikum). Andelen som bruker rene diuretika (C03) er høyere blant kvinner enn blant menn. Andelen har gått svakt ned hos begge kjønn fra 2008 til 2011. Den reduserte bruken av rene diuretika må ses i sammenheng med at andelen som bruker kombinasjonspreparater med ACE-hemmere/ARBs og et tiazid øker (data ikke vist). Andelen som bruker betablokkere har holdt seg nokså stabil siden 2007, rundt 32 % blant menn og 28 % blant kvinner. Betablokkere er viktig i behandlingen av hjertesvikt men er ikke lenger førstevalg ved behandling av høyt blodtrykk (3,4).

Behandling av høyt blodtrykk hos nye brukere

I en nylig publisert artikkel basert på data fra Reseptregisteret har man vist at tiazider og ARB var de vanligste legemidlene som ble forskrevet ved oppstart av behandling hos pasienter med høyt blodtrykk (5). Dette er i tråd med de nye retningslinjene for behandling av ukomplisert hypertensjon. I samme studie ble det også vist at blodtrycksbehandlingen vedvarte over tid. Resultatene fra denne studien viser at 80 % av nye brukere av tiazider eller ARB fortsatt stod på blodtrycksbehandling etter ett år, mens rundt tre firedeler fortsatt fikk behandling etter fire år. Oppfølgingen over tid viser at det var liten forskjell mellom gruppen som fikk tiazider og de som fikk ARB ved oppstart, men flere av tiazidbrukerne skiftet til andre medikamenter i løpet av fire års perioden. Resultatene

The ATC group C09 includes ACE inhibitors and Angiotensin II Receptor Blockers (ARBs), both plain and in combination products (e.g. combined with a diuretic such as hydrochlorothiazide). More women than men use plain diuretics (C03). The proportions have declined slightly in both genders from 2008 to 2011. The reduced use of diuretics should be seen in relation to the increased use of combination products of thiazide with ACE-inhibitors or ARBs (data not shown). The proportion using beta blockers has remained fairly stable since 2007 with around 32% among men and 28% among women. Beta blockers are important in the treatment of heart failure but are no longer the drug of choice to treat essential hypertension (3,4).

Initiation of antihypertensive therapy

A recently published article based on data from the Norwegian Prescription Database showed that thiazides and ARBs were the most widely used first-line drugs in new patients with hypertension (5). This is in line with the new guidelines for the treatment of uncomplicated hypertension. The same study also showed that treatment of hypertension continued over time, with 80% of new users of thiazides or ARBs still using medicines after one year and around three-quarters still receiving treatment after four years. Over time there was little difference between the groups who initially received thiazides and ARBs, however more thiazide users switched to other antihypertensives during the four year follow up. The results show good persistence of treatment of hypertension among new users in Norway, higher than figures reported by other countries.

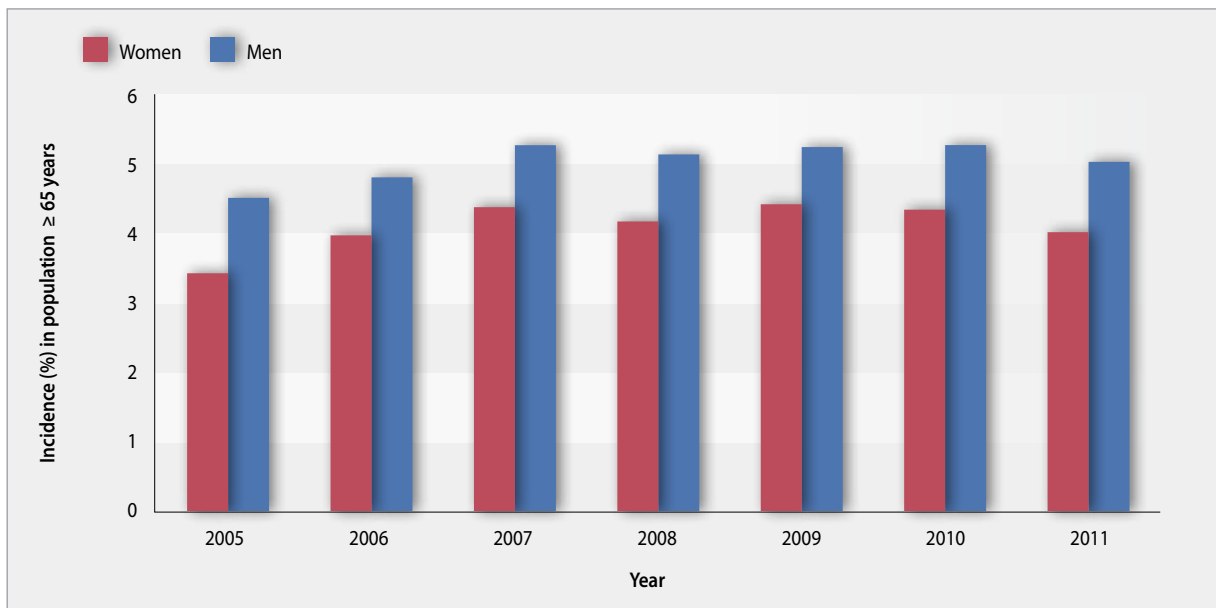


Figure 1.3.e: Yearly incidence rate of use of statins (%) in the Norwegian population aged 65 years or older

viser god etterlevelse av blodtrykksbehandling hos nye brukere i Norge, bedre enn det som er beskrevet i andre land.

Statiner

Norge har fortsatt et høyt forbruk av statiner i forhold til andre europeiske land (6,7).

I 2011 fikk 33 % av kvinner og 39 % av menn 65 år eller eldre ekspedert minst en resept på et statin (figur 1.3.d). Andelene som bruker statiner har økt jevnt over tid og andelene er høyere hos menn enn hos kvinner. Andel brukere øker med alder opp til 80 år. I alder 75–79 år var andelen henholdsvis 40 og 45 % hos kvinner og menn. I de høyeste aldersgruppene går andelene statinbruk markant ned. Dette kan indikere at det er mindre bruk av statiner som sekundærforebygging for å redusere antall nye hjerte- og kar tilfeller og redusere dødelighet hos de aller eldste. I tillegg er det heller ikke justert for at andelen eldre som bor i sykehjem er høyest i de eldste aldersgruppene. Tallene som presenteres i denne rapporten inkluderer ikke bruk i sykehjem.

Mens andelen statinbrukere i befolkningen har økt over tid har andelen nye (insidente) brukere (dvs. forholdet mellom antall nye brukere og antall i befolkningen som ikke fikk ett statin foregående år) vært nokså stabil (figur 1.3.e). Årlig har andelen insidente statinbrukere vært rundt 4–5 %. Siden den årlige prevalensen øker innebærer det at det er flere som starter med statinbehandling enn de som slutter.

Statins

Norway still has a high use of statins compared with other European countries (6,7).

Among the elderly population, 33% women and 39% men in Norway were dispensed at least one statin prescription in 2011 (figure 1.3.d). The proportion using statins has increased steadily over time and men use more than women. Usage increases with age up to 80 years. In the 75–79 year age group, the proportion was 40% in women and 45% in men. The prevalence of statin use declines in the oldest age groups, implying that there is less secondary prevention with statins for reducing new cardiovascular events and mortality. It should also be emphasised that there is no adjustment for the number of elderly living in nursing homes which is highest among the oldest age groups. Usage in nursing homes is not included in the figures presented in this report.

While the prevalence of statin use in the population has increased over time, the proportion of new users (i.e. the ratio between the number of new users and the number of people who did not receive a statin in the preceding year) has been fairly stable (figure 1.3.e). Annually, the proportion of new users of statins was around 4–5%. Since the annual prevalence is increasing, this means that the number of new users is higher than the numbers who cease statin use. This is as expected since statins are intended for long-term treatment. The

Dette har sammenheng med at statinbehandling er en kronisk behandling. 91 % av alle statinbrukere i 2010, hentet et statin også i 2011, mens for nye statinbrukere var tilsvarende andel 80 %. Det skal bemerkes at disse tallene ikke er justert for dødsfall og flytting til sykehjem i løpet av året.

Mange statinbrukere bruker også andre hjerte- og kar legemidler. Blant de eldre fikk 82 % ekspedert minst ett annet legemiddel innenfor ATC-gruppe C i 2011.

data show that 91% of all statin users in 2010 also had a statin dispensed in 2011, while for new statin users, the corresponding figure is 80%. It should be noted that these figures are not adjusted for deaths and change of residence to nursing homes during the year.

Many statin users are also dispensed other cardiovascular drugs. In the elderly 82% had at least one other drug in the ATC group C dispensed in 2011.

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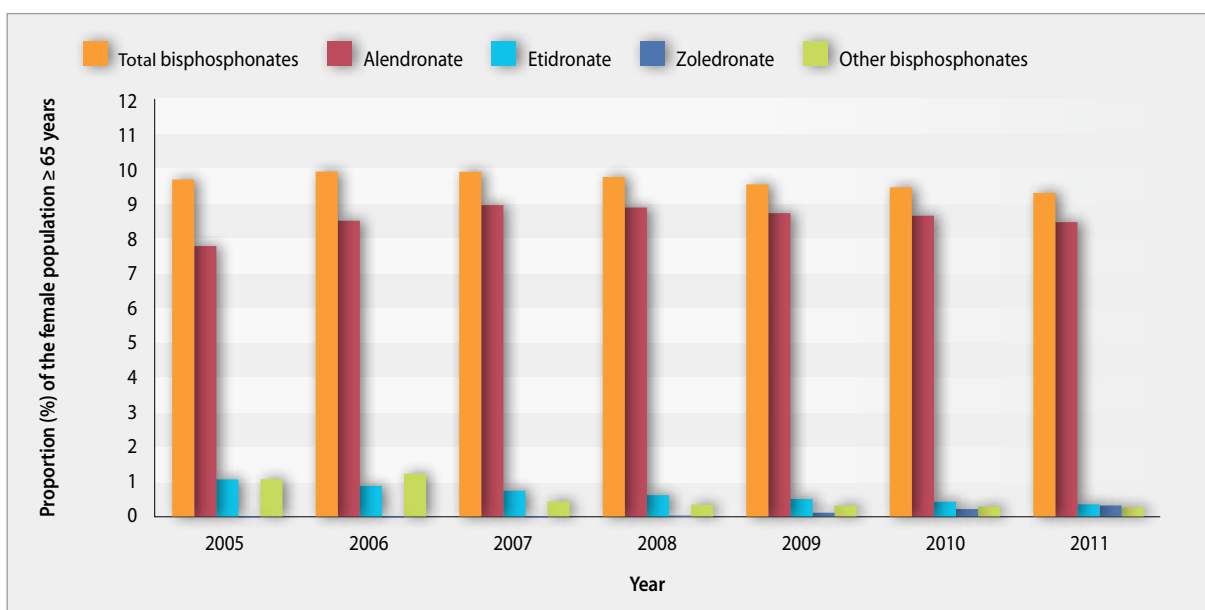


Figure 1.4.a: One-year prevalence (per 100) of bisphosphonate drug use in the period 2005–2011 in Norwegian women aged 65 years or older

1.4 Bruk av midler mot osteoporose hos eldre

Insidensen av osteoporotiske brudd i Norge er blant de høyeste som noen gang er rapportert (1–4). Årlig opplever omtrent 9000 nordmenn et hoftebrudd og 15 000 opplever et underarmsbrudd. Vel 140 000 norske kvinner har opplevd et brudd i ryggen (1). Hoftebrudd er det mest alvorlige bruddet en osteoporosepasient kan oppleve, og ca. 250 sykehussenger vil til en hver tid ha en hoftebruddspasient. Dødeligheten etter hoftebrudd er høy, og en av tre hjemmeboende 85-åringer bodde på institusjon ett år etter hoftebruddet (5–6). Forebygging av disse bruddene er mulig, både gjennom livsstilsendringer og gjennom medikamentell behandling. Dette kan potensielt spare samfunnet for unødvendige utgifter og ikke minst pasientene for unødig smerte, lidelse og tap av livskvalitet.

Flere typer legemidler har vært tilgjengelig i behandlingen av osteoporose de siste 10-årene. Inntil 1996 var de eneste effektive legemidlene østrogen. Etter 1996 har følgende legemidler blitt introdusert: bisfosfonater (M05BA, M05BB), teriparatid (H05AA), kalsitonin (H05BA) og raloxifen (G03XC). Østrogen er ikke lenger anbefalt som førstevalg, eller for bruk over lengre tidsperioder til denne pasientgruppen på grunn av alvorlige bivirkninger. Strontium ranelat er et legemiddel som til en viss grad brukes i behandlingen av osteoporose i andre land, men er ikke markedsført i Norge og følgelig ikke presentert i denne statistikken

1.4 Use of drugs for osteoporosis in the elderly population

The incidence of osteoporotic fractures in the Norwegian population is among the highest ever reported (1–4). Annually, adult Norwegians suffer about 9 000 hip fractures and 15 000 forearm fractures, with 140 000 women experiencing vertebral fractures (1). At any time, approximately 250 surgical ward beds will be occupied by hip fracture patients and the mortality after hip fractures is high (5). One third of those 85 years or older who lived at home before the fracture, lived in nursing homes one year after the fracture (6). Prevention of these fractures is possible, both through lifestyle changes and drug therapy. This could potentially save unnecessary expenses for society and pain, suffering and loss of quality of life for each patient.

Several types of drugs against osteoporosis have been introduced in the last 10–15 years. Until 1996, the only effective drug for osteoporotic patients was oestrogen. Since 1996, the following osteoporosis drugs have been introduced: bisphosphonates (M05BA, M05BB), teriparatide (H05AA), calcitonin (H05BA), and raloxifene (G03XC). Oestrogen is no longer recommended as first choice, and not for long periods of time because of serious side effects. Strontium ranelate has not been marketed in Norway, and is therefore not presented in the statistics.

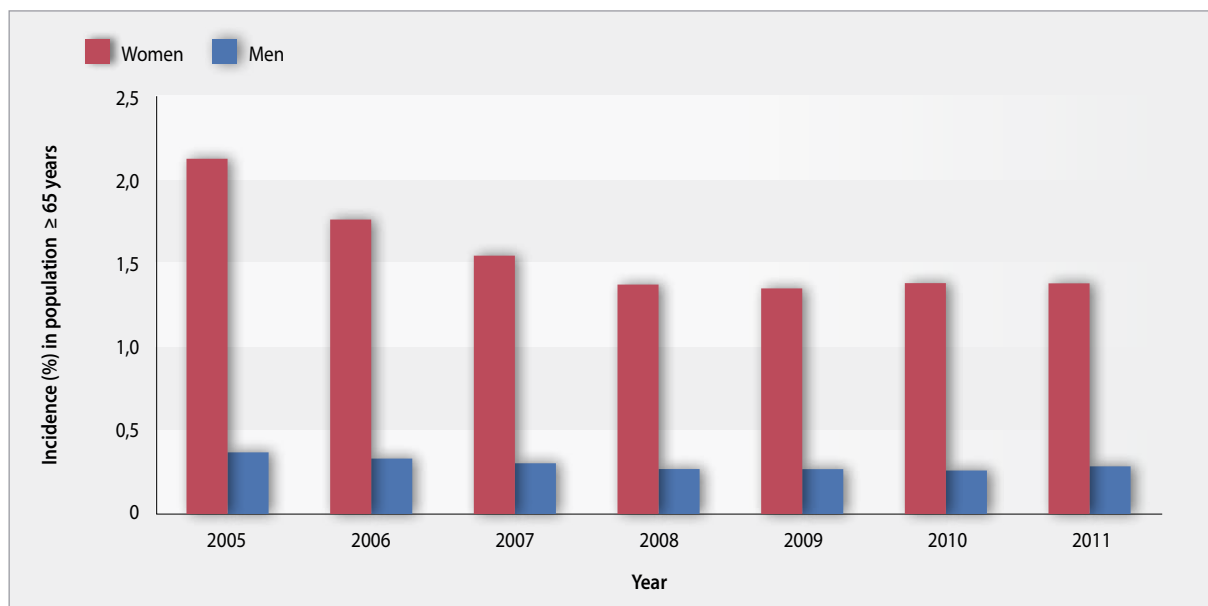


Figure 1.4.b: Yearly incidence rate (per 100) of anti-osteoporosis drug use in the period 2005–2011 in the Norwegian population aged 65 years or older

I den tidsperioden denne rapporten dekker, har refusjon av bisfosfonater vært tilgjengelig i Norge for de som har diagnosen etablert osteoporose, det vil si for de med en benmineraltetthet (BMD) T-skår på $-2,5$ eller mindre og som har hatt minst ett lavenergi-brudd.

Tabell 1.4.a viser ettårsprevalenser i prosent for bruk av legemidler mot osteoporose hos norske kvinner og menn 65 år og eldre. Totalt sett har bruken av disse legemidlene vært stabil i perioden, 10 % for kvinner og 1 % for menn. De aller fleste kvinner og menn bruker bisfosfonater og alendronat er dominerende. Bruken av teriparatid, raloxifen og kalsitonin er svært lav og synkende i løpet av perioden.

Figur 1.4.a viser ettårsprevalens i prosent for bisfosfonater fordelt på total bruk og de ulike bisfosfonatene i perioden 2005–2011. Resultater er kun vist for kvinner 65 år og eldre. Som vist i tabell 1.4.a har bruken av disse legemidlene vært ganske stabil, men vi observerer en forsiktig nedgang i bruken. Det eneste bisfosfonatet som øker i bruk er zoledronat. Dette bisfosfonatet kom på det norske markedet i 2005 og er en infusjon som gis årlig. Oral bisfosfonatbehandling har vært assosiert med ettskader i spiserør og svelg og etterlevelsen av den orale behandlingen er dårlig, mye på grunn av et komplisert doseringsregime. Zoledronat, gitt som infusjon en gang i året, forventes å ta over store deler av behandlingen av osteoporosepasienter. Bivirkningene er færre og etterlevelse av behandlingen forventes å være bedre med dette legemiddelet. Det samme mønsteret

In the time period covered in this report, reimbursement of these drugs has been available in Norway. The prerequisite for reimbursement is the diagnosis established osteoporosis, i.e. a bone mineral density T-score of -2.5 or lower with the presence of at least one fragility fracture.

Table 1.4.a shows one-year prevalence in percent of anti-osteoporotic drug use in Norwegian women and men ≥ 65 years. Overall, use of these drugs has been stable since 2005, with a prevalence of 10% in women and 1% in men each year. A slight fall in the numbers using bisphosphonates and alendronate can be observed in women. For both men and women, bisphosphonates are the most commonly used anti-osteoporotic drug type, and alendronate is the most used bisphosphonate. The use of teriparatide, raloxifene and calcitonin is negligible and declining during this time period.

Figure 1.4.a shows one-year prevalence in percent, of bisphosphonate use in the period 2005–2011 in Norwegian women aged 65 years or older. As we could observe in table 1.4.a the use of these drugs has been relatively stable, although we observe a slight decrease in the proportion of use, both in the total use and in most of the other bisphosphonates. The only increase observed is in the use of zoledronate. This is a new drug, available on the Norwegian market since 2005, with a new administration form. Oral bisphosphonate therapy has been associated with caustic injury in the oesophagus and poor compliance because of a complex dosing regime.

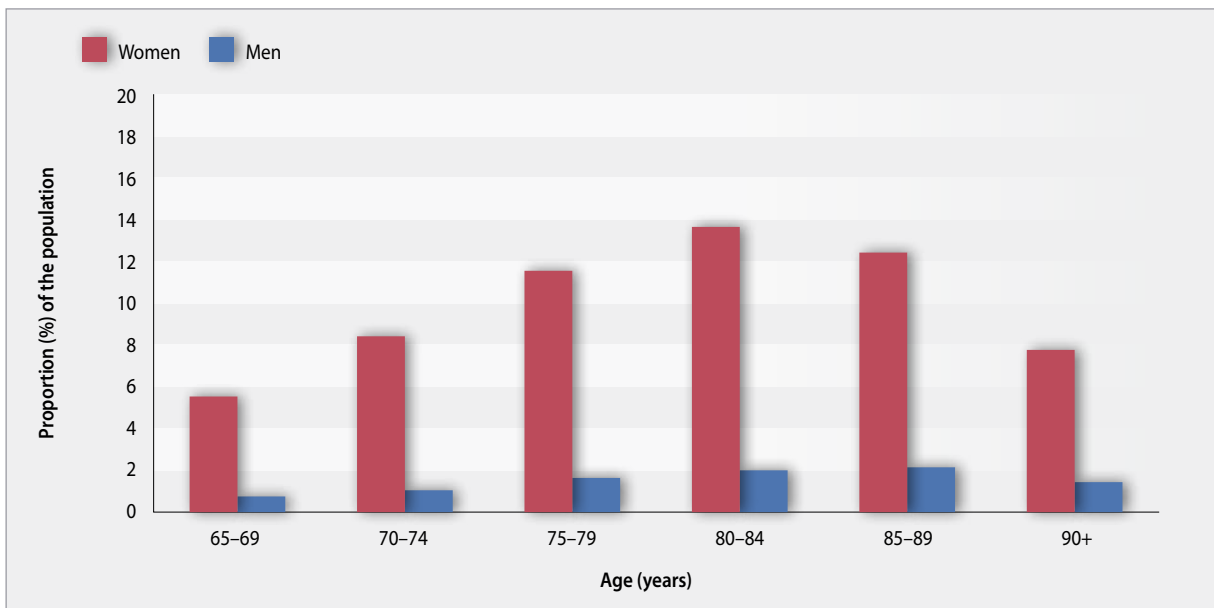


Figure 1.4.c: One-year prevalence (per 100) of bisphosphonates drug use in the Norwegian population aged 65 years or older in 2011

for bruk av bisfosfonater ser man også hos menn (resultater ikke vist).

Figur 1.4.b illustrerer årlig incidensrate i prosent i bruk av legemidler mot osteoporose hos kvinner og menn, 65 år og eldre, for perioden 2005–2011. Hos kvinner faller incidensraten i perioden 2005–2008 for så å stabilisere seg i perioden 2009–2011. Også hos menn faller incidensraten, dog ikke like tydelig som hos kvinnene. Det er overraskende at incidensraten faller siden det ikke finnes indikasjoner på at behovet for medikamentell behandling til denne pasientgruppen har blitt mindre i perioden.

Bruken av disse legemidlene øker med økende alder, som vist i figur 1.4.c. Dette er et forventet mønster siden alder er en viktig risikofaktor for osteoporose og følgelig observeres en økende forekomst av osteoporose med økende alder. Figuren viser at andelen som bruker disse legemidlene går ned etter 85 år, men et betydelig antall av de som er 85 år og eldre vil bo på institusjon (se tabell 1.1.a) og legemiddelbruk på individnivå i institusjon blir ikke registrert i Reseptregisteret. Figuren vil derfor ikke vise et helt riktig bilde av andelen som bruker disse legemidlene i de eldste aldersgruppene. Det vi vet er at blant alle de som bruker legemidler mot osteoporose fikk 3,6 % disse legemidlene på institusjon (målt i definerte døgn-doser) i 2011. Dette er en indikasjon på at det er svært liten bruk av disse legemidlene i institusjoner som for eksempel sykehjem og sykehus.

However, zoledronate is an infusion administered once a year and is expected to improve compliance and to be free from potential caustic injuries. The same pattern in use is observed in men (results not shown).

Figure 1.4.b illustrates annual incidence rates in percent, in women and men, of anti-osteoporosis drug use in the period 2005–2011 in the Norwegian population aged 65 years or older. In women, the incidence declines in the period 2005–2008, and stabilises in the time period 2009–2011. In men, the incidence rate is also declining, however not as obviously as for women. It is somewhat surprising that the incidence rate is declining, as there is no indication that the need for fracture preventive treatment in people with osteoporosis has been smaller in this time period.

The proportion of use increases with age (figure 1.4.c). This is expected, since age is an important risk factor for osteoporosis and that osteoporosis prevalence increases with age. A considerable proportion among those 85 years and older will reside in nursing homes or long-term care facilities (see table 1.1.a), and use of drugs in these institutions are not registered in NorPD at an individual level. The observed decline in prevalence in the highest age groups may therefore not give a true picture of the use in these age groups. However, the use of these drugs in long-term care facilities or in-hospital use is limited. Of all anti-osteoporosis drugs prescribed in Norway, measured in defined daily doses, 3.6% were prescribed to nursing homes or for in-hospital use in 2011.

Table 1.4.a: Number of women and men ≥ 65 years and one-year prevalence (%) of users of anti-osteoporosis drugs in Norway 2005–2011

	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Women														
Population	403 114		403 584		406 021		410 131		418 219		425 553		437 091	
All anti-osteoporosis drugs ¹	40 487	10.0	41 284	10.2	41 430	10.2	41 135	10.0	40 915	9.8	41 161	9.7	41 589	9.5
Bisphosphonates ²	39 091	9.7	40 059	9.9	40 271	9.9	40 077	9.8	39 973	9.6	40 313	9.5	40 702	9.3
Alendronate ³	31 370	7.8	34 344	8.5	36 380	9.0	36 467	8.9	36 509	8.7	36 830	8.7	37 026	8.5
Etidronate ⁴	4 331	1.1	3 567	0.9	3 024	0.7	2 535	0.6	2 111	0.5	1 807	0.4	1 538	0.4
Zoledronate ⁵	6	<0.1	6	<0.1	10	<0.1	100	<0.1	450	0.1	911	0.2	1 386	0.3
Other bisphosphonates ⁶	4 318	1.1	4 961	1.2	1 766	0.4	1 400	0.3	1 312	0.3	1 232	0.3	1 157	0.3
Raloxifene ⁷	1 505	0.4	1 334	0.3	1 188	0.3	1 084	0.3	951	0.2	845	0.2	742	0.2
Teriparatide ⁸	70	<0.1	84	<0.1	113	<0.1	123	<0.1	112	<0.1	118	<0.1	117	<0.1
Calcitonin ⁹	199	<0.1	143	<0.1	111	<0.1	79	<0.1	64	<0.1	57	<0.1	57	<0.1
Men														
Population	296 878		299 684		305 170		312 079		322 822		333 792		348 535	
All anti-osteoporosis drugs ¹	3 728	1.3	3 949	1.3	4 022	1.3	4 017	1.3	4 123	1.3	4 245	1.3	4 466	1.3
Bisphosphonates ²	3 710	1.2	3 931	1.3	4 004	1.3	4 005	1.3	4 115	1.3	4 230	1.3	4 409	1.3
Alendronate ³	3 107	1.0	3 479	1.2	3 735	1.2	3 772	1.2	3 877	1.2	3 974	1.2	4 129	1.2
Etidronate ⁴	260	0.1	216	0.1	173	0.1	129	<0.1	111	<0.1	98	<0.1	80	<0.1
Zoledronate ⁵	14	<0.1	11	<0.1	17	<0.1	23	<0.1	65	<0.1	105	<0.1	156	<0.1
Other bisphosphonates ⁶	395	0.1	454	0.2	142	<0.1	98	<0.1	91	<0.1	88	<0.1	83	<0.1
Teriparatide ⁸	7	<0.1	11	<0.1	13	<0.1	15	<0.1	9	<0.1	13	<0.1	20	<0.1
Calcitonin ⁹	21	<0.1	20	<0.1	22	<0.1	11	<0.1	8	<0.1	11	<0.1	11	<0.1

1) All anti-osteoporosis drugs: G03XC01+H05BA01+H05AA02+M05BA01+M05BA04+M05BA06+M05BA07+M05BA08+M05BB01+M05BB03+M05BX04

2) Bisphosphonates: M05BA01+M05BA04+M05BA06+M05BA07+M05BA08+M05BB01+M05BB03

3) Alendronate: M05BA04+M05BB03

4) Etidronate: M05BA01+M05BB01

5) Zoledronate: M05BA08

6) Other bisphosphonates: M05BA06+M05BA07

7) Raloxifene: G03XC01

8) Teriparatide: H05AA02

9) Calcitonin: H05BA01

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1.5 Bruk av antiinflammatoriske og antirevmatiske legemidler (NSAIDs) hos eldre

Ikke-steroid antiinflammatoriske og antirevmatiske midler (NSAIDs) har både betennelsesdempende og smertestillende effekt. Disse legemidlene bør brukes med forsiktighet hos pasienter som også bruker legemidler som kan øke blødningsrisiko, pasienter med tendens til magesår, og pasienter som bruker andre legemidler som i kombinasjon med NSAIDs kan føre til alvorlige bivirkninger (økt gastrointestinal toksisitet). Eksempler på slike legemidler er antitrombotiske midler, protonpumpehemmere (PPIs), glukokortikoider og antidepressive midler av typen selektive serotonin reopptakshemmere (SSRI).

Mange eldre får forskrevet NSAIDs for korttidsbruk mens andre bruker disse over lang tid. I 2011 var det omtrent 20 % av alle individer 65 år eller eldre som fikk utlevert minst ett NSAID (ATC-kode M01A), ekskludert glukosamin og nabumeton. Av alle utleveringer til individer ≥ 65 år var 54 % på ikke-refusjonsresept og 46 % på refusjonsresept. De vanligste refusjonskodene var revmatiske lidelser som leddgikt, og forskjellige typer betennelsestilstander (artroser).

Totalt ble det utlevert 14,2 millioner definerte døgn-doser (DDD) til vel 155 000 individer i alderen ≥ 65 år i løpet av 2011. I underkant av 41 % av DDD var på

1.5 The use of non-steroid anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) in the elderly

Non-steroid anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) have both anti-inflammatory and analgesic effects. These drugs should be used with caution in patients who also take medicines that may increase bleeding risk, patients prone to ulcers, and patients taking other drugs which in combination with NSAIDs can cause serious side effects (increased gastrointestinal toxicity). Examples of such drugs are antithrombotic agents, proton pump inhibitors (PPIs), glucocorticoids and the class of antidepressant drugs called selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs).

Many elderly people are prescribed NSAIDs for short-term use while others use them over a long time. In 2011, approximately 20% of individuals aged 65 or older were dispensed at least one NSAID (ATC code M01A), excluding glucosamine and nabumetone. Of all the NSAIDs dispensed to individuals ≥ 65 years, 54% were non-reimbursed whereas 46% were reimbursed. The most common reimbursement codes were rheumatic disorders such as arthritis, and various types of inflammation.

In total, 14.2 million defined daily doses (DDD) were dispensed to more than 155 000 individuals aged ≥ 65 years in 2011. Approximately 41% of DDDs were

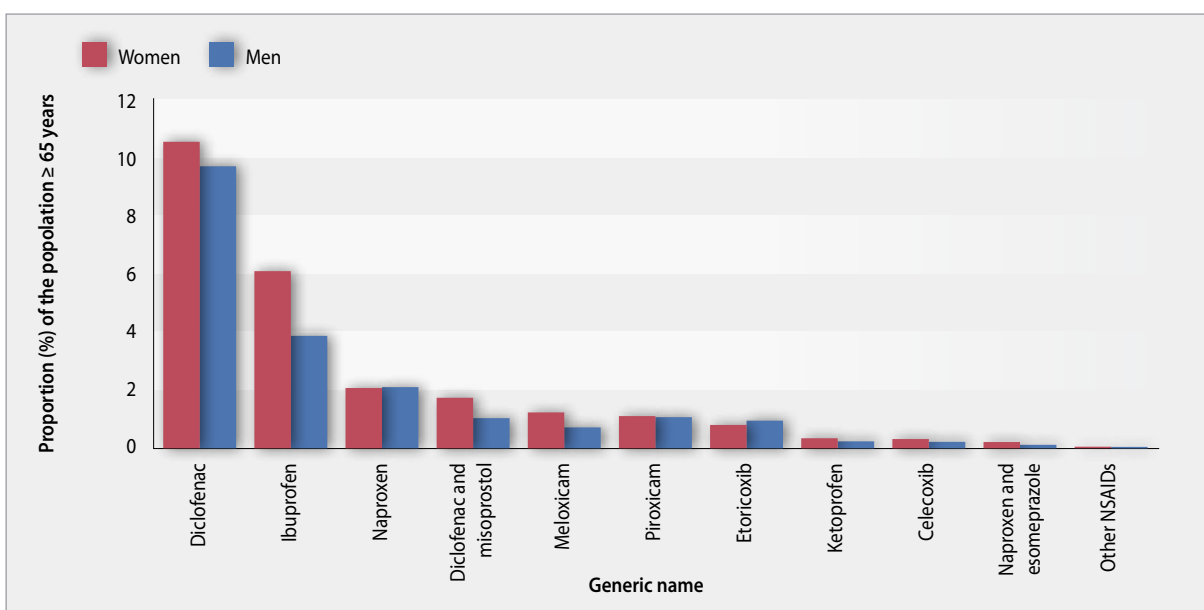


Figure 1.5.a. One year prevalence (%) of NSAIDs prescriptions in men and women aged ≥ 65 years in 2011 according to active ingredient

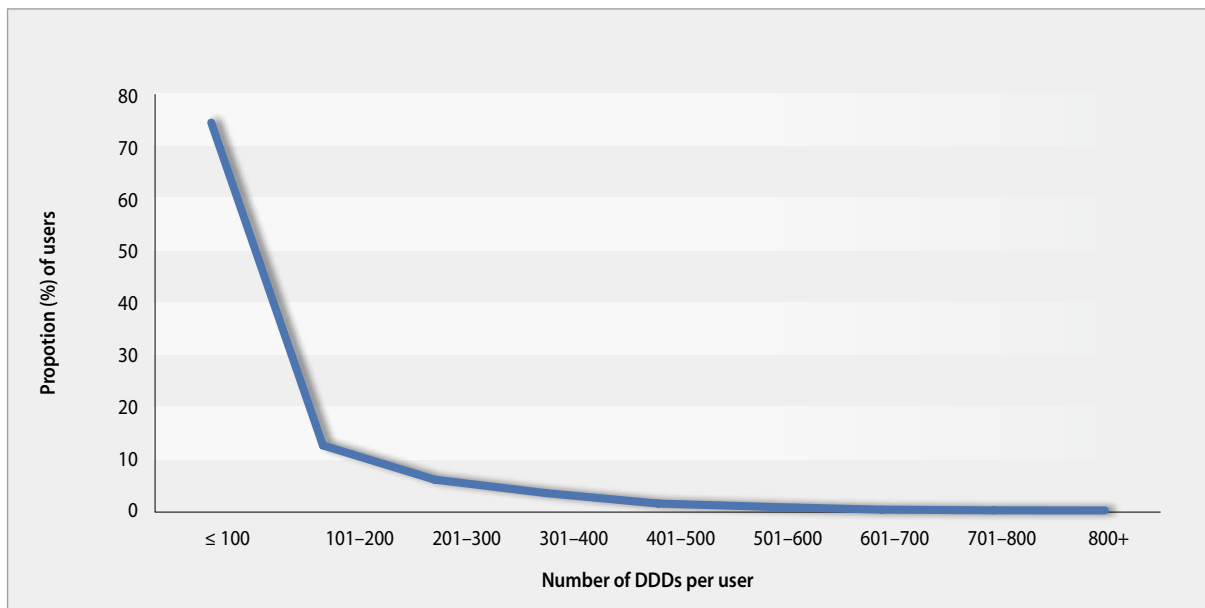


Figure 1.5.b. Number of defined daily doses (DDD) dispensed for NSAIDs in the population aged ≥ 65 years in 2011

diklofenak alene eller i kombinasjon med misoprostol, etterfulgt av ibuprofen på 23 %, og naproksen på 14 %. Omtrent 40 % av alle brukere var menn og de fikk 36 % av alle DDD.

Samtidig bruk av andre legemidler hos kroniske eldre brukere av NSAIDs

Figur 1.5.b viser at 25 % (38 964) fikk utlevert mer enn 100 DDD i løpet av året. Dersom alle bruker én DDD daglig tilsvarer dette en behandlingstid på ca. 3 måneder noe som i de fleste tilfeller indikerer behandling av en kronisk lidelse. Omtrent 66 % av dem var kvinner, som gjenspeiler hyppigere forekomst av muskel- og skjelettplager hos kvinner enn menn.

Videre analyser av gruppen som fikk over 100 DDD i 2011, viste at nesten 60 % (23 346) også fikk minst ett av legemidlene i gruppene antitrombotika (B01A), glukokortikoider (H02AB), SSRI (N06AB) og PPIs (A02BC) i perioden 2 måneder før første NSAID utlevering til 2 måneder etter siste NSAID utlevering. Cirka 36 % var menn og 64 % var kvinner.

Antitrombotika var den legemiddelgruppen som hyppigst ble forskrevet samtidig med NSAIDs, etterfulgt av PPIs (figur 1.5.c). Det vanligste antitrombotiske legemiddelet var acetylsalisylsyre (B01AC06), etterfulgt av warfarin (B01AA03). Antitrombotiske legemidler brukes til å behandle eller forebygge blodpropp. NSAIDs øker risiko for gastrointestinal blødning, og kombinasjon av disse midlene vil kunne øke denne risikoen ytterligere. Omtrent 38 % av individene

for diklofenac alene eller i kombinasjon med misoprostol, followed by ibuprofen (23%), and naproxen (14%). About 40% of users were men and they used 36% of DDDs.

Use of other drugs in chronic elderly NSAIDs users

Figure 1.5.b shows that 25% (38 964) were dispensed more than 100 DDD during the year. If everyone uses one DDD per day, this volume will correspond to approximately 3 months of treatment which, in most cases, indicates the treatment of a chronic illness. About 66% of these users were women, reflecting higher incidence of musculoskeletal disorders in women than in men.

Further analysis of the group receiving over 100 DDDs in 2011 showed that in the period 2 months before to 2 months after the last NSAID prescription, almost 60% (23 346) also received at least one drug from the following groups; antithrombotics (B01A), glucocorticoids (H02AB), SSRIs (N06AB) and PPIs (A02BC). Approximately 36% were men and 64% were women.

Antithrombotic agents were most frequently prescribed together with NSAIDs, followed by PPIs (figure 1.5.c). The most common antithrombotic drug was acetylsalicylic acid (B01AC06), followed by warfarin (B01AA03). Antithrombotic agents are used to treat or prevent blood clots. NSAIDs increase the risk of gastrointestinal bleeding and combination of these agents may increase this risk. Approximately 38% aged ≥ 65 years were dispensed both NSAIDs

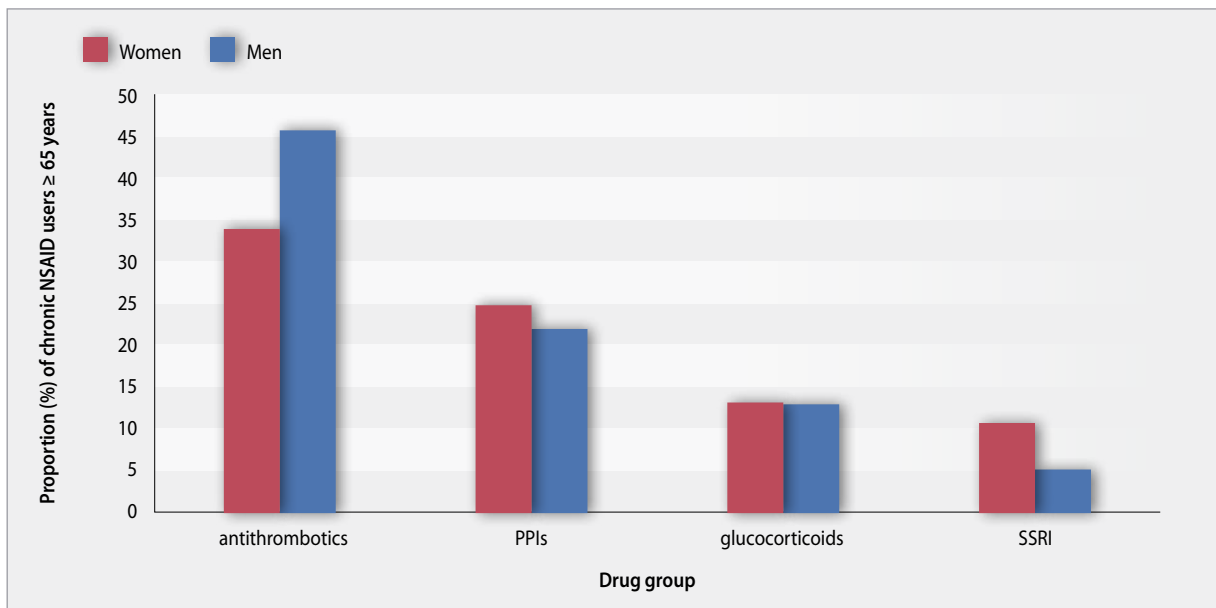


Figure 1.5.c: Proportion (%) of users aged ≥ 65 years who were dispensed the indicated drug groups in addition to NSAIDs

i vårt utvalg fikk utlevert både NSAIDs og antitrombotiske legemidler i perioden. Utstrakt bruk av legemidler som kan gi økt blødningsrisiko viser at det er viktig at disse pasientene blir godt fulgt opp.

I underkant av 24 % fikk utlevert protonpumpehemmere og NSAIDs i perioden. De individene som får PPIs for behandling av spiserør- og magesår bør ikke bruke NSAIDs over lengre tid. Forskrivning av PPIs for å forebygge eventuelle komplikasjoner av NSAIDs vil imidlertid være i tråd med retningslinjer.

I overkant av 13 % fikk utlevert glukokortikoider som brukes ved mange betennelsestilstander, og vel 9 % fikk selektive serotonin reopptakshemmere (SSRI) som brukes ved angst og depresjoner, som begge er vist å kunne gi økt gastrointestinal toksisitet i kombinasjon med NSAIDs.

Data fra Reseptregisteret viser at mange eldre også får utlevert legemidler som kan øke risiko for gastrointestinale bivirkninger. NSAIDs skal brukes med forsiktighet hos eldre, særlig hos individer med nedsatt hjerte- og nyrefunksjon. Selv om utlevering av legemidler i samme periode ikke er ensbetydende med samtidig bruk, er det likevel en viktig indikasjon på at det skjer forskrivning av uheldige legemiddelkombinasjoner. Man bør vise stor forsiktighet når legemidler til denne aldersgruppen forskrives siden komplikasjoner av potensiell kombinasjonsbehandling kan være svært alvorlige og i noen tilfeller også livstruende, og disse individene bør få tett oppfølging.

and antithrombotic drugs in the period. As extensive use of drugs may increase bleeding risk, it is important to closely monitor these patients.

Fewer than 24% of individuals in our cohort were given PPIs and NSAIDs in the period. Individuals who receive PPIs for the treatment of oesophageal and stomach ulcers should not use NSAIDs over a long time period. Prescription of PPIs to prevent side effects of NSAIDs use, however, is in line with guidelines.

More than 13% were dispensed glucocorticoids used in many inflammatory diseases. More than 9% received selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) for anxiety and depression. Both of these drugs are shown to cause increased gastrointestinal toxicity in combination with NSAIDs.

Data from the Norwegian Prescription Database show that many elderly also receive a number of drugs that may increase the risk of gastrointestinal side effects. NSAIDs should be used with caution in the elderly, especially in individuals with impaired cardiac and renal function. While drugs dispensed from a pharmacy within the same period are not necessarily used together, it still shows that these drug combinations are prescribed. Caution should be shown when individuals in this age group are prescribed drugs since complications of potential harmful combination therapy can be very serious and in some cases life-threatening so these individuals should be closely monitored.

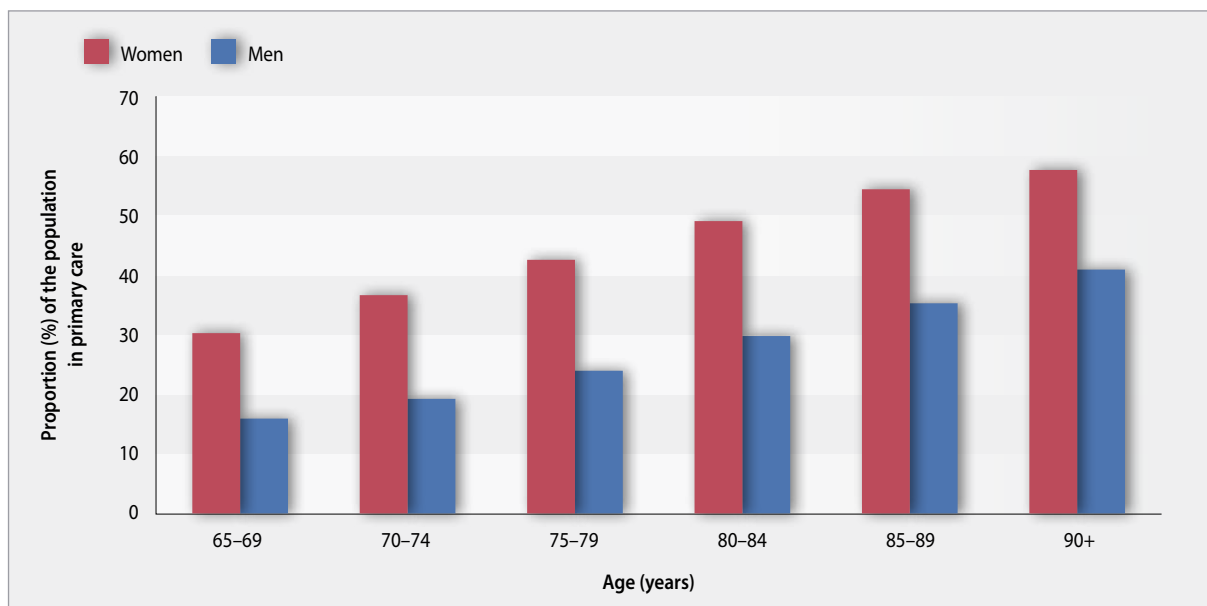


Figure 1.6.a: One-year prevalence (%) of the population in primary care (i.e. outside institutions)¹ who had at least one prescription of drugs used as hypnotics² dispensed in 2011 in Norway by age groups ≥ 65 years and gender

1) Estimated population living at home (nursing home residents are subtracted from the total population)

2) Hypnotics: diazepam, oxazepam, nitrazepam, flunitrazepam, zopiclone, zolpidem, melatonin, clomethiazole, alimemazine, prometazine

1.6 Bruk av sovemidler hos eldre

Søvnproblemer øker med økende alder (1). Ikke-medikamentell behandling som gode råd om søvnhygiene fører ikke alltid til målet, derfor behandles søvnvansker hos eldre ofte med legemidler. Det er anbefalt at sove-medisiner bare bør brukes over korte perioder. Dette er særlig viktig i eldre aldersgrupper fordi eldre både kan ha endret legemiddelomsetning og økt følsomhet for legemidler. Derfor anbefales lavere doser og sove-midler med kortere halveringstid til eldre.

Vi har her sett nærmere på legemidler som kan benyttes som sovemidler hos eldre. Z-hypnotika og benzodiazepiner er de legemidler som oftest benyttes som sovemidler. Z-hypnotika, som dominerer markedet generelt, anbefales som førstevalg (2). Vi har valgt å inkludere andre midler med søvnvansker som indikasjon, men sett bort fra legemidler med under 300 brukere i året i aldersgruppen ≥ 65 . Følgende legemidler er inkludert som sovemidler: ATC-gruppe N05BA benzodiazepiner (diazepam og oksazepam), N05CD benzodiazepiner (nitrazepam og flunitrazepam), N05CF z-hypnotika (zopiklon, zolpidem), andre hypnotika i N05C (melatonin og klometiazol) og R06AD antihistaminer (alimemazin og prometazin). Antidepressiva og antipsykotika er ikke inkludert.

1.6 Use of hypnotics in the elderly population

Sleep problems increase with age (1). Insomnia among the elderly is not always resolved with non-medicinal treatments such as good sleep hygiene advice, so it is often treated with medicines. It is recommended that hypnotics should only be used for short periods. This is particularly important in older age groups because the elderly may have both altered drug metabolism and increased sensitivity to drugs. Therefore, lower doses and hypnotics with shorter half-life are recommended for the elderly.

We have looked at drugs that can be used as hypnotics in the elderly. Z-hypnotics and benzodiazepines are the drugs most commonly used as hypnotics. Z-hypnotics, which dominate the market in general, are recommended as the first choice (2). We have chosen to include other agents indicated in sleep disturbances, apart from drugs with less than 300 users per year in the ≥ 65 age groups. The following drugs are included as hypnotics: ATC group N05BA benzodiazepines (diazepam and oxazepam) N05CD benzodiazepines (nitrazepam and flunitrazepam), N05CF z-hypnotics (zopiclone, zolpidem), other hypnotics in N05C (melatonin and clomethiazole) and R06AD antihistamines

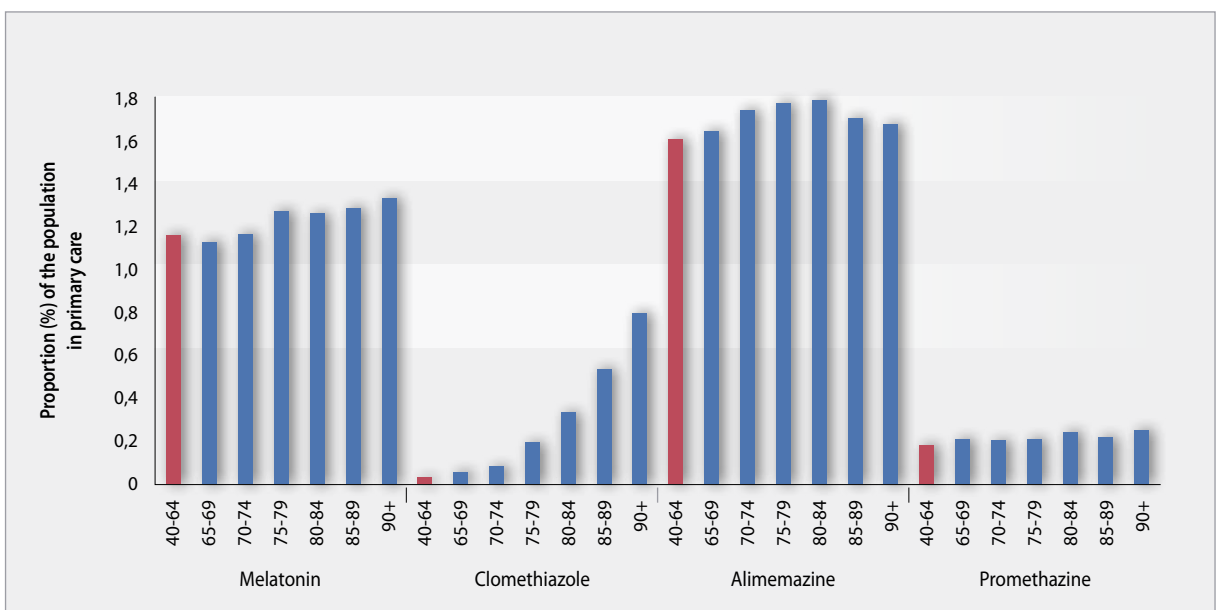
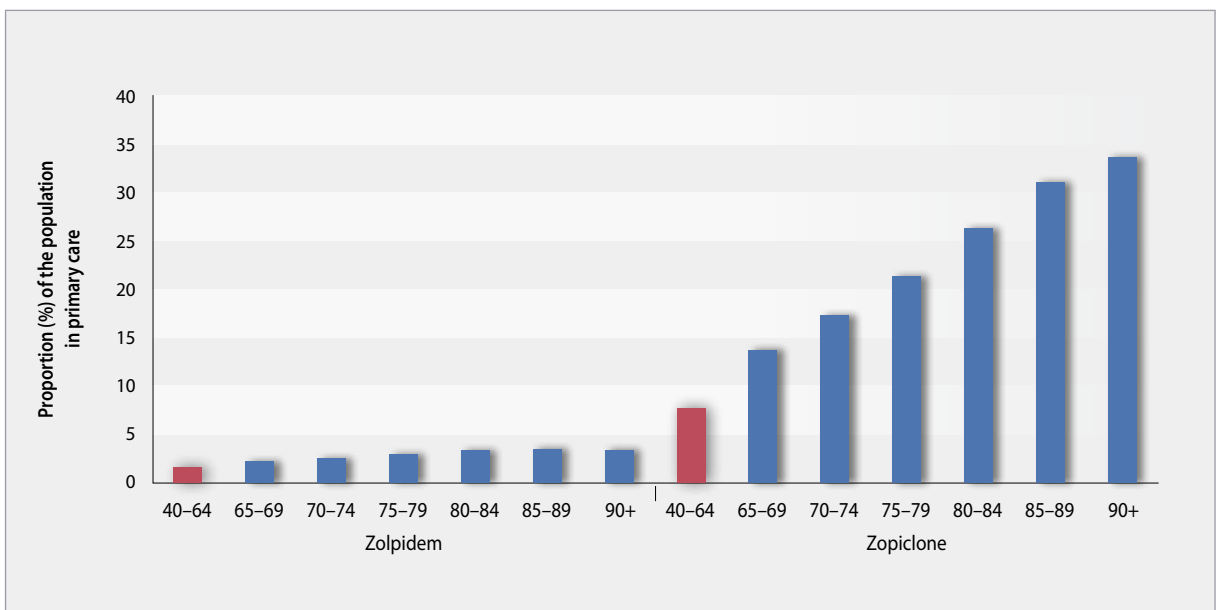
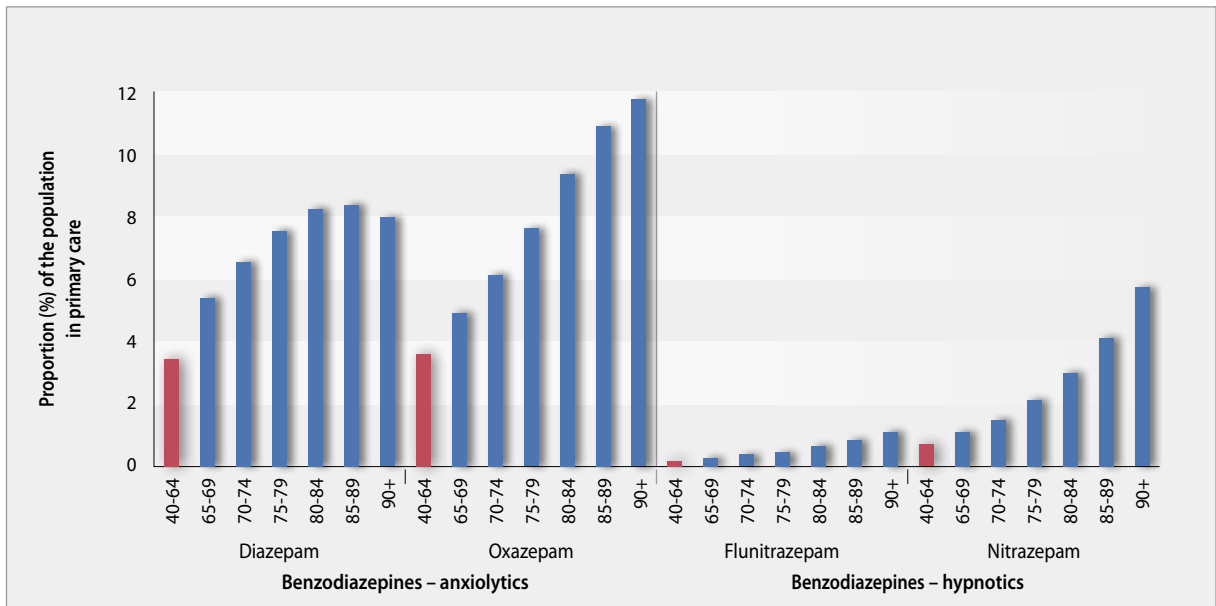


Figure 1.6.b: One-year prevalence (%) of the population in primary care (i.e. outside institutions) who had at least one prescription of benzodiazepines, z-hypnotics and other drugs used as hypnotics dispensed in 2011. Shown for the age groups 40–64 (red columns), 65–69, 70–74, 75–79, 80–84, 85–89, 90+ years. (Observe different axis!)

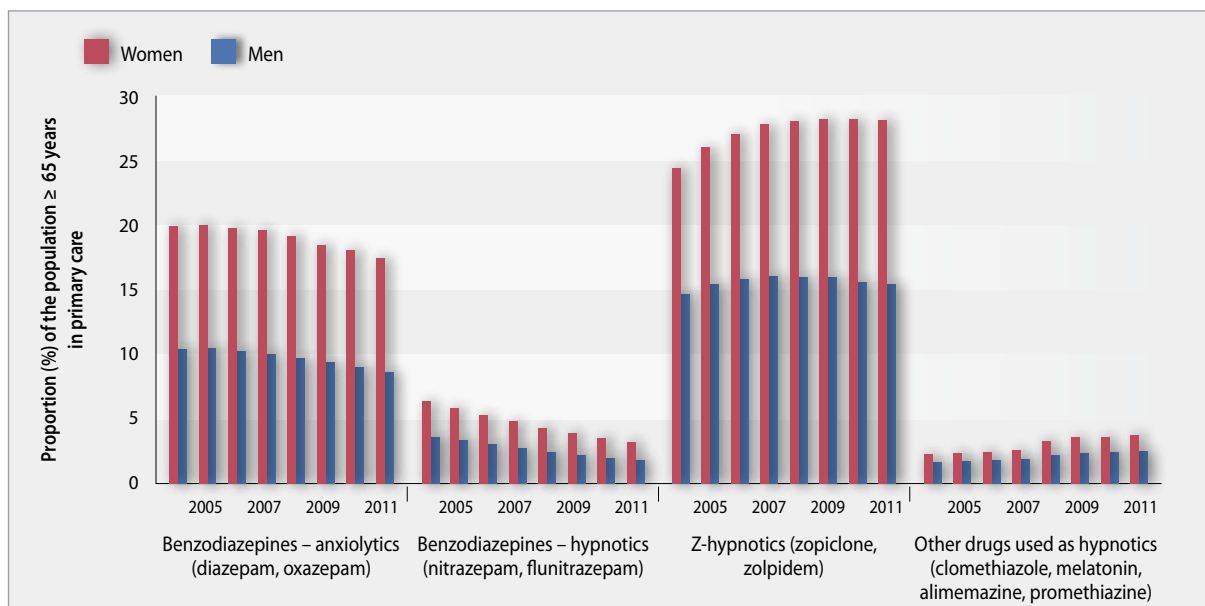


Figure 1.6.c: One-year prevalence (%) of the population in primary care (i.e. outside institutions)³ who had at least one prescription of drugs used as hypnotics dispensed in 2004–2011 in Norway by age above 65 years and gender

3) Estimated population living at home (nursing home residents – around 6% – are subtracted from the total population ≥ 65 years)

Ved beregning av andel brukere (prevalens) i Reseptregisteret benyttes hele befolkningen som nevner. Legemidler til pasienter i sykehus eller sykehjem er ikke tilgjengelig på individnivå i Reseptregisteret og konsekvensen for de eldste aldersgruppene, der en stor andel av befolkningen bor på sykehjem, er for lave tall for prevalens av legemiddelbrukere. Vi har derfor i denne sammenheng valgt å presentere prevalensen på basis av befolkningen som bor hjemme. Dette vil gi et riktigere bilde av prevalensen i den eldste delen av befolkningen. Vi har hentet informasjon fra Statistisk Sentralbyrå om beboere i institusjoner, 2010 og i figurene er den oppgitte prevalensen derfor basert på totalbefolkningen i de aktuelle aldersgruppene minus antall sykehjemsbeboere (se tabell 1.1.a).

Totalt sett har 32 % av befolkningen i aldersgruppen ≥ 65 år fått utlevert sovemidler fra apoteket i 2011. Andelen øker fra 23 % hos 65–69 åringer til 52 % hos de over 90 år. For alle inkluderte aldersgrupper er andelen kvinner som bruker sovemidler større enn andel menn (figur 1.6.a). Andelen øker fra 30 % hos 65–70 årige kvinner til 57 % hos kvinner i aldersgruppen over 90 år, for menn er andelen henholdsvis 15 % og 41 %. Det er først og fremst zopiklon (N05CF01) som bidrar til økningen av forbruket av sovemidler med økende alder (figur 1.6.b). Fra en andel på ca. 14 % av befolkningen som bruker zopiklon i aldersgruppen 65–69 år er andelen på ca. 34 % i aldersgruppen over 90 år. Det er høyest andel brukere

(alimemazine and promethazine). Antidepressants and antipsychotics are not included.

In calculating the percentage of users (prevalence) in the Norwegian Prescription Database (NorPD), the total population is used as the denominator. Drugs for patients in hospitals or nursing homes are not available at the individual level in the NorPD. For the older age groups, where a large proportion of the population live in nursing homes, this results in too low figures for the proportion (prevalence) of drug users. We have therefore chosen to present the prevalence based on the population living at home. This will provide a more accurate picture of the prevalence of users in the oldest part of the population. Data is obtained from Statistics Norway about residents in institutions for 2010. The prevalence given in the figures are therefore based on the total population in these age groups minus the number of nursing home residents (see table 1.1.a).

Overall, 32% of the population aged ≥ 65 years was dispensed sleeping medication from the pharmacy in 2011. The percentage increases from 23% in 65–69 year olds to 52% in those over 90 years. For all age groups included, More women than men used hypnotics (figure 1.6.a). The percentage increases from 30% in 65–69 year old women to 57% in women aged over 90 years; for men the corresponding figures were 15% and 41%. It is mainly zopiclone (N05CF01)

av z-hypnotika (N05CF), mens angstdempende benzodiazepiner (N05BA) brukes mer enn benzodiazepin hypnotika (N05CD). For disse tre gruppene vanedannende legemidler er det observert en svak nedgang i andel brukere siden 2004 (figur 1.6.c). For z-hypnotika startet nedgangen senere enn for benzodiazepinene og nedgangen var først observert hos menn (nedgang fra 2007) og senere hos kvinner (nedgang fra 2009). For andre midler enn benzodiazepiner og z-hypnotika er prevalensen lav og bortsett fra for klometiazol øker ikke prevalensen med økende alder.

that contributes to the increased consumption of hypnotics with age (figure 1.6.b). From a ratio of about 14% of the population using zopiclone in the age group 65–69 years, the proportion is about 34% in the age group over 90 years. The highest proportion of users is for z-hypnotics (N05CF), whereas the anxiolytic benzodiazepines (N05BA) are used more than benzodiazepine hypnotics (N05CD). For these three groups of addictive drugs, a slight decrease in the proportion of users is observed since 2004 (figure 1.6.c). For z-hypnotics the decline started later than that of the benzodiazepines and the decrease was first observed in men (a decrease from 2007) and later in women (down from 2009). For other agents than benzodiazepines and z-hypnotics, prevalence is low and, except clomethiazole, the prevalence for these agents does not increase with increasing age.

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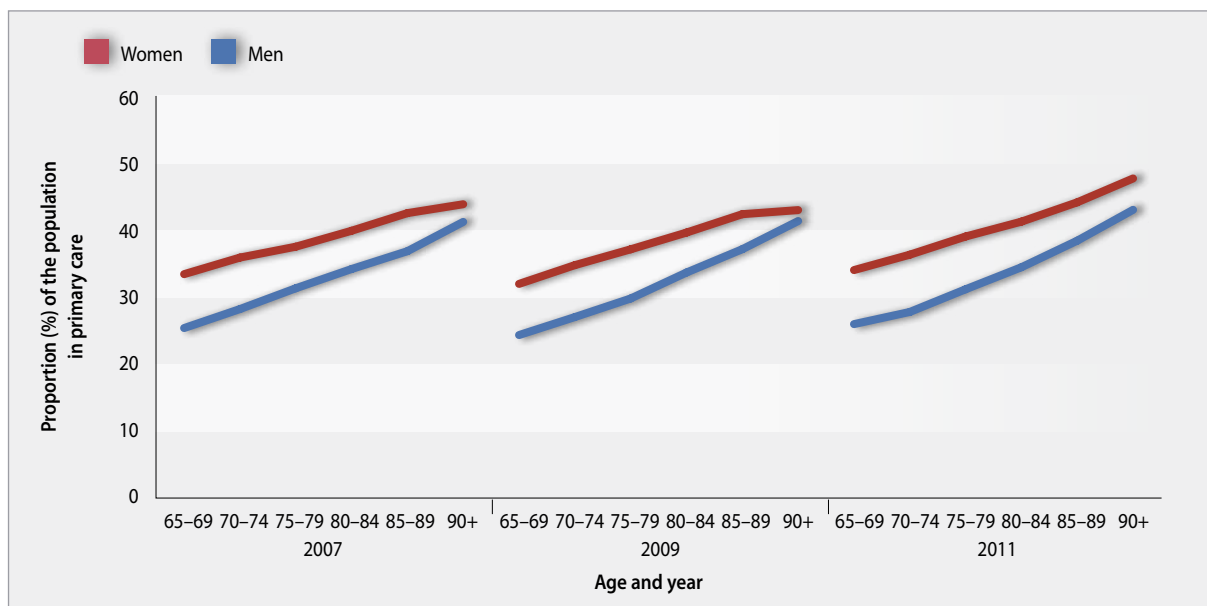


Figure 1.7.a: Use of antibiotics for systemic use (J01) in elderly men and women ≥ 65 in primary (i.e. living outside institutions), according to age groups in 2007, 2009 and 2011

1.7 Antibiotikabruk hos eldre

Bruk av antibiotika øker med økende alder (1). Ved beregning av prevalens i Reseptregisteret benyttes hele befolkningen som nevner. Legemidler til pasienter i sykehus eller sykehjem er ikke tilgjengelig på individnivå i Reseptregisteret og konsekvensen for de eldste aldersgruppene, der en stor andel av befolkningen bor på sykehjem, er for lave tall for andel (prevalens) av legemiddelbrukere. Vi har derfor i dette kapittelet om antibiotika valgt å presentere prevalensen på basis av befolkningen som bor hjemme. Dette vil gi et riktigere bilde av prevalensen i den eldste delen av befolkningen. Vi har hentet informasjon fra Statistisk Sentralbyrå om beboere i institusjoner i 2010 (se tabell 1.1.a) og i figurene er prevalensen derfor basert på totalbefolkningen for de aktuelle aldersgruppene minus antall sykehjemsbeboere.

Totalt sett ble 34 % av befolkningen i aldersgruppen ≥ 65 år forskrevet antibiotika i 2011. Andelen øker fra 30 % hos 65–69 åringene til 46 % hos de over 90 år. For alle inkluderte aldersgrupper er andelen kvinner som bruker antibiotika større enn andel menn (figur 1.7.a) Andelen øker fra 34 % hos 65–69 årige kvinner til 48 % hos kvinner i aldersgruppen over 90 år, for menn er andelen henholdsvis 25 % og 43 %, og trenden er stabil over år (figur 1.7.b).

1.7 Use of antibiotics in the elderly

Use of antibiotics increases with increasing age (1). The total population is used as the denominator in the calculation of prevalence in the Norwegian Prescription Database (NorPD). Drugs dispensed to patients in hospitals or nursing homes are not available at the individual level in the NorPD. For the older age groups, where a large proportion of the population are living in nursing homes, this results in too low figures for the proportion (prevalence) of drug users. In this chapter on antibiotics, we have therefore chosen to present the prevalence based on the population living at home. This will provide a more accurate picture of the prevalence of users in the oldest part of the population. Data were obtained from Statistics Norway about residents in institutions in 2010 (see table 1.1.a) and the prevalence in the figures is based on the total population for each age group minus the number of nursing home residents.

Overall, 34% of the population in the age group ≥ 65 years was dispensed antibiotics from the pharmacy in 2011. The percentage increased from 30% in 65–69 year olds to 46% in those over 90 years. For all age groups more women than men used antibiotics (figure 1.7.a). The percentage increased from 34% in 65–69 year old women to 48% in women aged over 90 years, for men the percentages were 25% and 43%, respectively. The trend is stable over the years (figure 1.7.b).

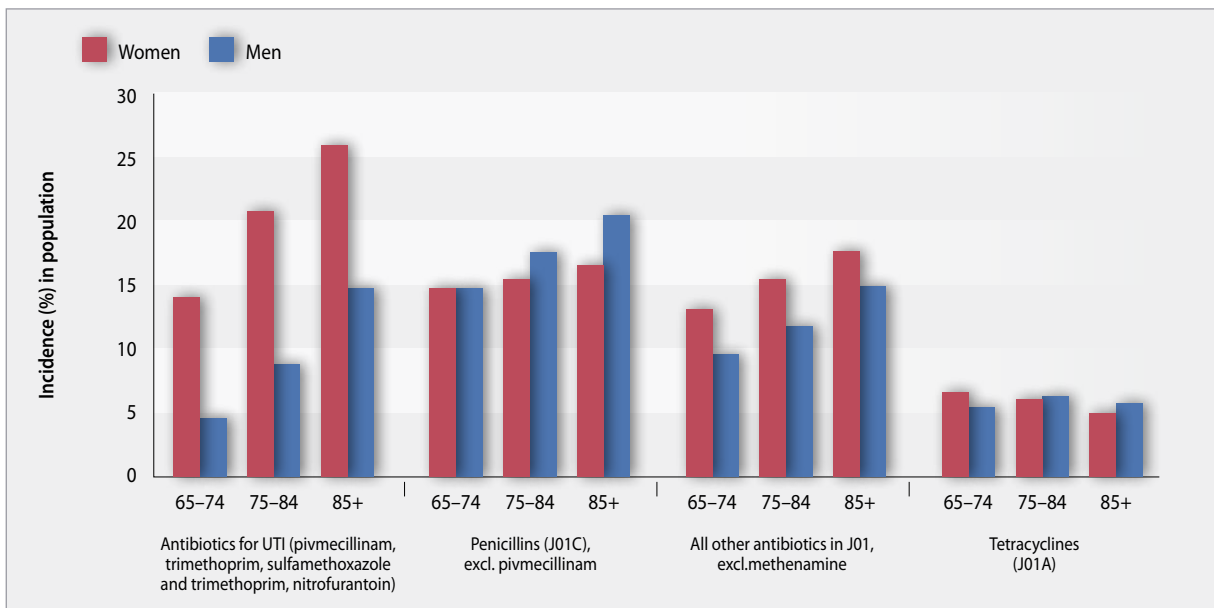


Figure 1.7.b: Use of antibiotics for systemic use (J01) in men and women ≥ 65 year in primary care (i.e. living outside institutions), by different age groups in 2011. Grouped as; antibiotics used in urinary tract infections (UTIs), penicillins, tetracyclines and all other antibiotics for systemic use.

Det er først og fremst antall brukere av urinveisantibiotika som øker med økende alder, og økningen er større hos kvinner enn hos menn (figur 1.7.b). Fra en andel på 14 % kvinner som bruker urinveisantibiotika i aldersgruppen 65–74 år er andelen på 26 % i aldersgruppen over 85 år, for menn er tilsvarende tall 5 % og 15 %. Især hos menn ses en økning i antall som får forskrevet penicilliner (figur 1.7.b). Andelen øker fra 15 % hos 65–74 åringene til 20 % hos de over 85 år. Det er ikke like kraftig økning med alder hos kvinner, fra 15 % hos 65–74 åringene til 17 % hos de over 85 år. For begge kjønn er det i første rekke fenoxymetylpenicillin som forskrives, fulgt av amoxicillin. Dette er førstehåndsmidler ved luftveisinfeksjoner og bakteriell lungebetennelse.

It is mainly the number of users of urinary tract antibiotics that increases with age, and the increase is greater among women than in men (figure 1.7.b). 14% of women in the 65–74 year age group and 26% in the > 85 years age group used antibiotics for urinary tract infections and for men the corresponding figures are 5% and 15%. Particularly in men an increase in the number who are prescribed penicillin is seen (figure 1.7.b). The percentage increases from 15% in 65–74 year olds to 20% in those over 85 years. It is not such a sharp increase with age in women, from 15% among 65–74 year olds to 17% in those over 85 years. For both sexes, phenoxymethylpenicillin is most commonly prescribed, followed by amoxicillin. These are the drugs of choice for respiratory infections and bacterial pneumonia.

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Del 2 Part 2

2. Generelt om Reseptregisteret og legemiddelstatistikk

2.1 Reseptregisteret (NorPD)

Datainnsamling og variabler i Reseptregisteret

Ny apoteklov trådte i kraft 1. mars 2001, og ifølge den nye loven ble apotek forpliktet til å videresende reseptdata til en ny nasjonal legemiddeldatabase. I oktober 2003 ble ny detaljert forskrift for Reseptregisteret (hjemlet i Helseregisterloven) vedtatt av Kongen i Statsråd (1). Formålet med Reseptregisteret (jf forskriftens § 1-3) er å samle inn og behandle data om legemiddelbruk hos mennesker og dyr for å:

1. kartlegge forbruket i landet og belyse endringer over tid
2. fremme og gi grunnlag for forskning og utredning for å kunne belyse positive og negative effekter av legemiddelbruk
3. gi myndighetene et statistisk grunnlag for kvalitetssikring av legemiddelbruk og overordnet tilsyn, styring og planlegging
4. gi legemiddelrekvisiter et grunnlag for internkontroll og kvalitetsforbedring

Forskriftens formål bestemmer hva Reseptregisteret kan brukes til. Forskriften bestemmer også hva slags data som kan samles inn fra apotek og administrative registre.

2. General information about the Norwegian Prescription Database and drug statistics

2.1 About the NorPD

Data collection and variables in NorPD

New legislation in the Norwegian pharmacy sector came into force on March 1st 2001. According to the new act, pharmacies were obliged to forward prescription data to a new national drug database. In October 2003, new, detailed regulations for the NorPD were approved (1). The objectives of the NorPD, as defined in authoritative regulations, are to collect and prepare data on drug use in individuals and animals in order to:

1. describe drug use patterns, highlighting changes over time
2. promote and form a basis for research and review of the safety and effectiveness of drug use
3. serve as a management tool for the authorities in order to assure prescribing quality in addition to general surveillance, control and planning
4. give the prescribing doctors a basis for internal control, as part of an audit method to improve the quality of prescribing practices

All NorPD data use must be in accordance with these objectives. The regulation also determines what kind of data can be collected from the pharmacies and administrative registers.

Reseptregisteret inneholder følgende variabler:

Pasient

Personidentifikasjon (kryptert), fødselsmåned /-år, døds måned/- år, kjønn, bosted (kommune og fylke)

Forskriver

Personidentifikasjon (kryptert), fødselsår, kjønn, yrke, spesialitet

Legemiddel

Nordisk varenummer (merkenavn, styrke, legemiddelform, pakningsstørrelse), antall pakninger, ATC-kode, antall definerte døgndoser (DDD), reseptkategori, kode for refusjon (fra mars 2008: ICD10, ICPC koder og enkelte koder definert av Legemiddelverket, fullstendig implementert fra mars 2009), bruksområde og forskrevet dose (fritekst), utleveringsdato, pris (apotekets utsalgspris)

Apotek

Apoteknavn, konsesjonsnummer, kommune og fylke

Det nordiske varenummeret er en unik identifikasjon for hver pakning av et legemiddel og muliggjør kobling til andre registre som gir detaljert informasjon om legemidlene. Indikasjon for forskrivning ble de første årene ikke registrert i databasen, kun overordnede refusjonskoder som for enkelte legemidler fungerte som grov diagnosekode. Fra mars 2008 ble forskriver pålagt å angi mer spesifikke diagnosekoder på blåresepter som erstatning for de gamle sykdomspunktene. Det skal benyttes enten International Classification of Diseases versjon 10 (ICD-10) eller International Classification of Primary Care (ICPC). I tillegg har Legemiddelverket på enkelte områder definert egne koder. Ordningen er fullstendig implementert fra mars 2009.

Fra 1. januar 2004 har Folkehelseinstituttet mottatt månedlig informasjon om reseptutleveringer fra alle apotek i Norge (2). I alle apotek er det tilrettelagt for automatisk innsending av rapport til Reseptregisteret til fast tidspunkt hver måned, slik at apotekene kan oppfylle sin rapporteringsplikt uten vesentlig ekstra arbeid. Reseptregisteret inneholder informasjon om alle legemidler som er forskrevet og utlevert til enkeltpasienter utenom sykehus og institusjoner. Legemidler forskrevet på godkjeningsfritak er også inkludert, men legemidler som selges reseptfritt er ikke registrert i Reseptregisteret. Hvis reseptfrie legemidler er forskrevet på resept vil de imidlertid bli registrert i databasen.

De viktigste dataene i Reseptregisteret er basert på resepter forskrevet til enkeltpersoner, men også forskrivning av legemidler fra veterinærer til dyr og forskrivning til egen praksis registreres i Reseptregisteret. Når det gjelder pasienter som er innlagt i sykehus eller sykehjem, samler registeret kun inn

The NorPD contains the following variables:

Patient

Person-identifier (encrypted), month/year of birth, month/year of death, gender, place of residence (municipality & county)

Prescriber

Person-identifier (encrypted), year of birth, gender, profession, speciality

Drug

Nordic article number (unique product identifier stating brand name, strength, pharmaceutical form and pack size), number of packs, ATC code, number of Defined Daily Doses (DDD), prescription category, reimbursement code (from March 2008: ICD10, ICPC codes or codes defined by the Norwegian Medicines Agency, completely implemented from March 2009), intended use and prescribed dose (free-text according to pharmacy label), dispensing date, price (pharmacy retail price)

Pharmacy

Name, licence number, municipality and county

The Nordic article number is the important link to other registries providing detailed information about the drugs. The indication for prescribing was in the first years not recorded in the database, only the code of reimbursement which in some cases, acted as a proxy of diagnosis. From March 2008, prescribers had to use either the International Classification of Diseases version 10 (ICD10), or the International Classification of Primary Care Codes (ICPC) or special codes assigned by the Norwegian Medicines Agency as the code of reimbursement on the prescriptions. This was fully implemented from March 2009.

Since 1st January 2004, the NIPH has received monthly data on prescriptions from all Norwegian pharmacies (2). Monthly electronically reports are automatically generated in all pharmacies, thus avoiding extra work for the pharmacy. NorPD contains information about all drugs prescribed (reimbursed or not) and dispensed at pharmacies to individual patients living outside institutions, i.e. ambulant care. Unlicensed drugs are also included, but drugs sold over-the-counter (OTC) are not recorded in NorPD. However, if the OTC drugs are prescribed by a physician and dispensed, then they will be recorded in the database.

The main data in NorPD are based on prescriptions to individual humans, but also prescribed drugs by veterinarians to animals and prescribing to a physician's own practice are collected in NorPD. For patients in nursing homes and hospitals, the register collects figures on drug use at the level of the institution or the department, i.e. on an aggregate level.



Figure 2.1: Data flow, the Norwegian Prescription Database (NorPD)

aggregerte data på institusjons- eller avdelingsnivå basert på informasjon som apotekene registrerer når de leverer legemidler til institusjoner.

Datasikkerhet

Som illustrert i figur 2.1 blir registreringer av utleverte legemidler fra apotek elektronisk og automatisk overført til Statistisk sentralbyrå (SSB) før de kommer til FHI og inkluderes i Reseptregisteret. SSB fungerer som en såkalt tiltrodd tredjepart og er en del av datasikkerheten for å ivareta konfidensialitet og informasjonssikkerhet for all personlig informasjon. SSB har tilgang til pasientens personnummer og forskrivers helsepersonellnummer, og erstatter begge med et pseudonym. SSB kan ikke lese noen annen informasjon fra reseptene, fordi denne informasjonen er kryptert før SSB mottar dataene. Når SSB sender data er fødselsnummer og forskrivers helsepersonellnummer fjernet, og FHI kan dekryptere helseopplysningene som fremgår av resepten igjen. Prinsippet for pseudonymisering er at ingen, heller ikke den som tildeler og forvalter pseudonymer, skal kunne ha samtidig tilgang til både pseudonym, helseopplysninger og personens identitet. Begrepet "Pseudonymiserte helsedata" er definert i Helseregisterloven: "Personlig helsedata som identitet er kryptert, eller på annen måte skjult, men likevel individuell, slik at det er mulig å følge hver person gjennom helsesystemet uten at vedkommendes identitet blir avslørt" (3). Dette betyr at identiteten til pasienter og forskrivere har blitt kryptert i henhold til norsk lovgivning, men likevel er individuell, slik at det er mulig å følge enkeltpersoner over tid, og gjøre registerkoblingsstudier.

Kvalitetssikring

For kvalitetssikring blir et antall søk gjennomført månedlig eller halvårlig for å identifisere mulige feil eller uoverensstemmelser. FHI gjør ulike rutinemessige

Data protection

As illustrated in figure 2.1 the pharmacy records of dispensed drugs are electronically and automatically transferred through Statistics Norway before they arrive at NIPH and are included in NorPD. Statistics Norway acts as a so-called "trusted third party centre" and is a part of the data protection to ensure confidentiality of personal information. Statistics Norway only has access to the patient personal identification number and the prescriber's health personnel number and replaces both with a pseudonymised identifier. Statistics Norway cannot read any other prescription data because this information is encrypted before Statistics Norway receives the data. When Statistics Norway sends the data including the pseudonymised identifiers to the NIPH, the NIPH is allowed to decrypt the prescription information again. The term "Pseudonymous health data" is defined in the Personal Health Data Filing System Act (in Norwegian: Helseregisterloven): "personal health data in which the identity has been encrypted or otherwise concealed, but nonetheless individualized so that it is possible to follow each person through the health system without his identity being revealed" (3). This means that the identity of patients and prescribers has been encrypted according to Norwegian legislation, but nonetheless individualized, so that it is possible to follow individuals over time and perform record-linkage studies. Data linkage is based on the unique identification number system which is available in all the Nordic countries.

Quality checks

For quality assurance, a number of queries are carried out monthly or half-yearly to identify possible errors or inconsistencies. NIPH performs different routine checks on the data before they are transferred to the NorPD. In the NorPD, the Nordic article number is linked to the national register of medicinal products with validated

kontroller på data før de overføres til Reseptregisterets database. I Reseptregisteret er det nordiske varenummeret knyttet til det nasjonale vareregisteret for legemidler med gyldige ATC-koder og DDD-verdier (4). Dette registeret oppdateres månedlig. FHI sjekker også om dataleveranser fra hvert apotek er av rimelig størrelse. Det totale antallet reseptbelagte poster, totalt antall pasienter og forskrivere blir sjekket hver måned. Statistikk for apotekene blir rutinemessig kjørt. Denne rutinen vil identifisere uvanlige variasjoner i størrelsen på dataleveranser fra måned til måned, og fange opp manglende leveranser av spesielle typer data, eller hvis en datalevering fra ett apotek er tom i en måned på grunn av tekniske feil på apoteket eller hos tiltrodd tredjepart (SSB). Fødselsnummeret kontrolleres hos SSB mot Folkeregisteret. Når fødselsnummeret er ugyldig eller mangler, lager SSB et spesielt pseudonym. Disse personene er ikke mulig å følge over tid, og heller ikke mulig å koble til andre datakilder, men det rapporterte antall ordinasjoner og DDD knyttet til disse personene kan likevel inkluderes i totalstatistikken.

2.2 Nordiske reseptregistre

På slutten av 1980-tallet, tok apotek i de nordiske landene gradvis i bruk elektroniske systemer ved ekspedering av resepter. Dette gjorde det mulig å samle inn reseptdata fra apotek på en enklere og mer effektiv måte. Selv om helsevesenet ikke er organisert likt i de nordiske landene, har alle fem land et helsevesen med universell dekning for helseutgifter. Alle borgere, uavhengig av sosioøkonomisk status, har ubegrenset tilgang til helsetjenester, inkludert delvis eller fullstendig refusjon av kjøpte legemidler. Nasjonale reseptdatabaser, som er basert på data fra ekspederte og utleverte legemidler fra apotek til individer utenfor sykehus/sykehjem, har vært tilgjengelig siden 1994 i Finland og Danmark, siden 2004 i Norge, siden 2005 i Sverige og siden 2006 på Island. Databasene dekker til sammen 25 millioner innbyggere (Danmark: 5,5 millioner, Finland: 5,3 millioner; Island: 0,3 millioner; Norge: 4,9 millioner og Sverige: 9,2 millioner). Det er mulig å koble disse dataene til ulike helseutfall og andre data basert på det unike fødselsnummeret/-koden som alle innbyggere i disse landene har. Databasene er en viktig ressurs for å kunne gjennomføre longitudinelle og registerkoblede studier med helseundersøkelser og andre registre. Databasene representerer også et godt kunnskapsgrunnlag for nasjonale beslutninger innen legemiddelbruk. En artikkel fra 2010 gir en oversikt over datainnsamlingsprosedyrer og innhold i de nordiske landenes reseptregistre (5).

ATC codes and DDD values (4). This register is updated monthly. NIPH also checks if the data deliveries from each pharmacy are of a reasonable size. The total number of prescription records and the total number of patients and prescribers are checked every month. Statistics for the pharmacies are checked by routine. Unusual variations in size of data files from month to month are identified and any missing data is caught, such as missing special data type deliveries or empty data files caused by technical error at the pharmacy or at the trusted third party. The Personal Identification Number is checked in Statistics Norway against the Central Population Registry. If the Personal Identification Number is invalid or missing, Statistics Norway creates a special pseudonym, but it is not possible to track these individuals or link them to other data sources. However, the reported total number of ordinations and DDDs can be included in the total statistics.

2.2 Prescription statistic in the other Nordic countries

During the late 1980s, pharmacies in the Nordic countries gradually computerized their records of dispensed prescriptions which made it possible to collect data efficiently. Although healthcare systems are not organized identically in the Nordic countries, all five countries have a tax-supported public health service with universal coverage. All citizens, independent of socioeconomic status, have unrestricted access to health services, including partial or complete reimbursement of purchased medicines. National prescription databases, containing data on drugs dispensed at pharmacies (exposure data) to individuals receiving ambulatory care, have been available since 1994 in Finland and Denmark, since 2004 in Norway, since 2005 in Sweden and since 2006 in Iceland. The databases together cover 25 million inhabitants (Denmark: 5.5 million; Finland: 5.3 million; Iceland: 0.3 million; Norway: 4.9 million; and Sweden: 9.2 million) and have the potential to link these data to different health outcomes and other data based on the unique personal identity code which all residents in these countries have. The databases serve as a resource for conducting longitudinal and record-linkage studies with health surveys and other registries. They also offer a sound evidence base for national decision-making in the field of drug utilization. An article from 2010 provides an overview of the data collection procedures and content of the Nordic countries' prescription databases (5). In addition, the article discusses their unique potential for cross-national record linkage and for analytical pharmacoepidemiological studies.

2.3 Grossistbasert legemiddelstatistikk

Statistikk basert på totalt salg av legemidler fra grossist til apotek, sykehus/sykehjem har vært tilgjengelig i Norge siden 1970-tallet. Grossistbasert legemiddelstatistikk omfatter alt salg av legemidler fra grossist til apotek, sykehus/sykehjem, dagligvaredetaljister og andre med tillatelse til å omsette legemidler. Legemidler til dyr og mennesker, både reseptfrie og reseptbelagte, er inkludert i statistikken. Statistikken gir en oversikt over utviklingen i legemiddelomsetningen over tid, både totalt og på fylkesnivå. Statistikken inneholder imidlertid ikke opplysninger om den enkelte legemiddelbruker.

Legemiddelforbruket i Norge – årlig publikasjon

Årlig publiseres data fra den grossistbaserte legemiddelstatistikken i publikasjonen Legemiddelforbruket i Norge. Hver utgave omfatter 5-årsoversikter over totalsalget av reseptfrie og reseptbelagte legemidler i Norge (6). Boken er tilgjengelig på nettsiden www.legemiddelforbruk.no. Nærmere informasjon vedrørende utlevering av data fra den grossistbaserte legemiddelstatistikken finnes på Folkehelseinstituttets nettside www.fhi.no.

2.4 Anatomisk Terapeutisk Kjemisk (ATC)-klassifisering

Alle legemidler som er registrert i Norge er gruppert etter ATC-systemet. I ATC-systemet inndeles legemidlene i grupper på 5 nivåer: På 1. nivå fordeles legemidlene på 14 anatomiske hovedgrupper. Det neste nivået (2. nivå) er en terapeutisk eller farmakologisk undergruppe. 3. nivå og 4. nivå er terapeutiske, farmakologiske eller kjemiske undergrupper, mens 5. nivå representerer den kjemiske substansen.

ATC- koden

En fullstendig klassifisering av legemiddelsubstansen spironolaktone (vanndrivende middel) med ATC-koden C03DA01 kan illustrere oppbyggingen av ATC-systemet:

C	Hjerte og kretsløp (1. nivå, anatomisk hovedgruppe)
C03	Diuretika (2. nivå, terapeutisk undergruppe)
C03D	Kaliumsparende midler (3. nivå, farmakologisk undergruppe)
C03DA	Aldosteronantagonister (4. nivå, farmakologisk undergruppe)
C03DA01	Spironolaktone (5. nivå, kjemisk substans)

2.3 The Norwegian Drug Wholesales Statistics

Statistics based on total sales of drugs from wholesalers to pharmacies, hospitals/nursing homes has been available in Norway since the 1970s. The Norwegian Drug Wholesales Statistics database includes total sales of drugs from wholesalers to pharmacies, hospitals/nursing homes and non-pharmacy outlets and others with permission to sell medicines. Total sales of prescription and non-prescription human and veterinary medicines are included in the statistics. The statistics give an overview of developments in drug consumption over time, both at county and country level. The statistics, however, contain no information about the individual drug user.

Drug Consumption in Norway – published annually

Data from the Norwegian Drug Wholesales Statistics Database have been published annually in *Drug Consumption in Norway (6)* since 1977. Each issue includes total sales data for 5 year periods for both prescription- and non-prescription drugs in Norway. The book is available from the website www.drugconsumption.no. Further information on the Norwegian Drug Wholesales Statistics database, including how to apply for data, can be found at the Norwegian Institute of Public Health's website www.fhi.no.

2.4 The Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) classification system

In the ATC system the drug substances are classified into groups at 5 different levels. The drugs are divided into fourteen main groups (1st level), with pharmacological/ therapeutic sub-groups (2nd levels). The 3rd and 4th levels are chemical/pharmacological/ therapeutic sub-groups and the 5th level is the chemical substance.

The ATC code

A complete classification of the drug spironolactone (diuretic) with the ATC code C03DA01 illustrates the structure of the ATC system:

C	Cardiovascular system (1st level, anatomical main group)
C03	Diuretics (2nd level, therapeutic sub-group)
C03D	Potassium-sparing agents (3rd level, pharmacological sub-group)
C03DA	Aldosterone antagonists (4th level, pharmacological sub-group)
C03DA01	Spironolactone (5th level, chemical substance)

Alle spironolakton preparater (Aldactone® og Spirix®) gis i dette systemet koden C03DA01.

Ved hjelp av dette klassifikasjonssystemet kan man lage statistikker over legemiddelforbruk gruppert på fem ulike nivåer, fra tall som viser totalforbruket av alle preparater klassifisert f.eks. under hovedgruppe C – *Hjerte og kretsløp* (1. nivå), tall for de ulike undergruppene (2., 3. og 4. nivå) og ned til tall som viser forbruket av det enkelte virkestoff.

ATC-kode for hvert enkelt preparat er angitt i *apotekenes vareregister*, og i preparatomtalene (SPC) som er publisert i *Felleskatalogen*. Ved å bruke "Anatomisk terapeutisk kjemisk legemiddelregister" (Felleskatalogens gule del), vil man få en oversikt over hvilke produktnavn hver enkelt ATC-kode omfatter.

2.5 Definert Døgndose (DDD)

I enkelte tabeller i del 1 i boken er volum av legemiddelforbruk angitt i antall DDD. Ved å benytte definerte døgndoser (DDD) som måleenhet, får man bedre mulighet for sammenligninger mellom alternative legemidler uavhengig av prisdifferanser. Vurdering av volum av legemiddelforbruket gjennom lengre tidsperioder, nasjonalt og internasjonalt, blir enklere og bedre ved bruk av definerte døgndoser. Måleenheten DDD er definert som *den antatt gjennomsnittlige døgndose brukt ved preparatets hovedindikasjon hos voksne*.

Døgndosene fastsettes på bakgrunn av en vurdering av bruken internasjonalt, selv om de nasjonale terapitradisjonene kan variere fra et land til et annet (f.eks. bruksområde og doseringsanbefalinger). Den definerte døgndose (DDD) bør derfor betraktes som en teknisk måleverdi.

Legemidler som benyttes ved forskjellige indikasjoner kan by på spesielle problemer som det må tas hensyn til ved vurdering av døgndosestatistikk. Dosen ved hovedindikasjonen benyttes normalt ved fastsettelse av DDD. Med unntak for noen få spesielle barnepreparater benyttes doseringer for voksne. Ofte vil DDD for ulike administrasjonsformer være like med unntak av der biotilgjengeligheten er svært forskjellig. For preparater der man benytter en støtdose og en vedlikeholdsdose, vil døgndosen være basert på vedlikeholdsdosen. Hvis mulig er DDD angitt i mengde aktiv substans. Er det umulig, som f.eks. ved kombinasjonspreparater og enkelte flytende preparater, angis DDD som antall enkelt-doser (antall tabletter, kapsler, milliliter osv.).

All medicinal products containing plain spironolactone (Aldactone® and Spirix®) are thus assigned the code C03DA01.

The ATC classification system makes it possible to compile drug consumption statistics on 5 different levels, i.e., figures showing total consumption of all preparations classified in main group C – *Cardiovascular system* (1st level), figures for the various subgroups (2nd, 3rd and 4th levels), and down to figures showing consumption of each active ingredient.

The ATC code for all pharmaceuticals on the Norwegian market can be retrieved from *the pharmacy medicinal product register* and in the monographs of the national drug catalogue "*Felleskatalogen*". The yellow section of the latter, entitled *The Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical Medicines Register*, lists all medicinal products belonging to each of the ATC 5th level codes.

2.5 The Defined Daily Dose (DDD)

In some tables in part 1 in this book the sales volume of drug consumption is given in number of DDDs. Using DDDs as the unit of measurement allows better comparison between alternative medications, regardless of price differences. The evaluation of drug consumption volumes over time, nationally and internationally, is simplified and improved by the use of DDDs. A DDD is defined as *the assumed average maintenance dose per day for a drug used on its main indication in adults*.

The DDDs are determined on the basis of evaluation of international use of the substance in question, bearing in mind that national therapy traditions (indications, dosages) often differ greatly. Each DDD should therefore be regarded as a technical measuring unit.

Drugs used for more than one indication may cause particular problems which are important to consider when evaluating statistics based on DDDs. With the exception of a very few specially formulated pediatric preparations, adult dosages are used. The DDD for a substance will often be one and the same, irrespective of the route of administration. However, drugs with different bioavailabilities depending on their administration route will have more than one DDD, each of them linked to a specific dosage form. For medications where a booster dose is followed by a smaller maintenance dosage, the maintenance dose will form the basis for determining the DDD. Whenever possible, the DDD is indicated as the quantity of active substance.

DDD representer ikke nødvendigvis den mest forskrevne eller brukte dose, noe som må tas i betraktning når tallene vurderes. Det vil derfor ofte være vanskelig å beregne antall brukere ved kun å bruke DDD som måleenhet. Dette gjelder særlig der doseringsanbefalingene kan variere mye etter bruksområde. Salgstallene kan angis i DDD/1000 innbyggere/døgn og beregnes på følgende måte:

$$\frac{\text{Samlet forbruk i antall DDD x 1000}}{365 \text{ x antall innbyggere}}$$

Dette tallet vil gi et estimat av andelen av befolkningen i promille som får en bestemt medikamentell behandling. Et estimert salg av et legemiddel på 10 DDD/ 1000 innbyggere /døgn indikerer at 10 av 1000 personer (dvs. 1 % av befolkningen) daglig kan bruke dette legemidlet. Dette estimatet blir imidlertid kun riktig dersom det er samsvar mellom DDD og dosen som faktisk brukes.

2.6 WHO Collaborating Centre for Drug Statistics Methodology

ATC/DDD systemet administreres og videreutvikles av WHO Collaborating Centre for Drug Statistics Methodology. Dette senteret er en del av Avdeling for legemiddelepidemiologi ved Nasjonalt folkehelseinstitutt. Nærmere beskrivelse av systemet finnes i publikasjonen Guidelines for ATC classification and DDD assignment (7). ATC Index with DDDs, som inneholder en liste over alle fastsatte DDD, kan bestilles fra WHO senteret (8). Begge publikasjonene finnes i engelsk og spansk versjon. Senterets webside har følgende adresse: www.whocc.no. ATC og DDD endringer som er vedtatt blir publisert årlig og gjort gjeldende ved årsskiftet. ATC/DDD versjon gjeldende fra januar 2012 er benyttet i rapporten. Publikasjonene kan bestilles fra WHO Collaborating Centre for Drug Statistics Methodology.

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When this is impossible, as is the case with combination preparations and some liquid preparations, the DDD is indicated as the number of single doses (number of tablets, capsules, millilitres etc.). The DDDs are not necessarily the most frequently prescribed or used doses. This must be considered when evaluating the data. Accordingly it will often be difficult to estimate the number of users by using the DDD as the measuring unit. The sales can be given as the number of DDDs/1000 inhabitants/day, calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Total consumption measured in number of DDDs x 1000}}{365 \text{ x number of inhabitants}}$$

This figure offers an estimation of what proportion of the population that may receive a certain drug treatment. An estimated drug consumption of 10 DDDs/1000 inhabitants/day corresponds to a daily use of this drug by 1% of the population. This estimate is, however, only valid if there is good correlation between the DDD and the actual consumed dose.

2.6 The WHO Collaborating Centre for Drug Statistics Methodology

The WHO Collaborating Centre for Drug Statistics Methodology is responsible for the administration and development of the ATC/DDD system. The Centre is located at the Department of Pharmacoepidemiology at the NIPH. Further information about the ATC/DDD system is given in the publication Guidelines for ATC classification and DDD assignment (7). The ATC Index with DDDs which includes a list of all assigned DDDs can be ordered from the Centre (8). Both publications are available in English and Spanish. The website for the Centre is www.whocc.no. ATC and DDD changes are published annually and are made official by the end of the year. ATC/DDD version from January 2012 has been used in the book. The ATC/DDD publications can be ordered from the WHO Collaborating Centre for Drug Statistics Methodology.



3. Reseptregisteret 2007–2011

3.1 Utvalgte nøkkeltall fra Reseptregisteret

Reseptregisteret inneholder opplysninger fra alle landets apotek om utlevering av legemidler på resept, til forskrivers egen praksis og til institusjoner. I 2011 ble nærmere 95 % av legemidlene i Reseptregisteret (målt i DDD) utlevert til enkeltpersoner. Leveransene til institusjoner (sykehus og sykehjem) utgjorde 4,7 % av det totale antall DDD og ca. 0,4 % av totalt antall DDD ble utlevert til bruk i forskrivers egen praksis. Salg av reseptfrie legemidler er ikke inkludert i Reseptregisteret. Reseptfritt salg utgjorde i 2011 15 % av totalt salg av legemidler i Norge målt i DDD (Kilde: Grossistbasert legemiddelstatistikk, Folkehelseinstituttet).

3. The Norwegian Prescription Database (NorPD) 2007–2011

3.1 Selected key figures from NorPD

NorPD contains information from all Norwegian pharmacies of prescriptions to individuals, to a prescriber's own practice and to institutions. In 2011, almost 95% of DDDs in NorPD were dispensed to individuals in ambulatory care. Deliveries to institutions (hospitals and nursing homes) amounted to 4.7% of the DDDs and about 0.4% of the DDDs were dispensed for use in the physician's practice. Sales of OTC medicines are not included in NorPD. OTC sales constitute 15% of total sales of pharmaceuticals in Norway in 2011, measured in DDDs (source: Norwegian Drug Wholesale Statistics, Norwegian Institute of Public Health).

Table 3.1.a: Number of individuals and one-year prevalence (%) of the population who had at least one prescription dispensed in Norway 2007–2011

	Women n (%)	Men n (%)	Both genders n (%)
2007	1 774 835 (75.0)	1 440 441 (61.5)	3 215 276 (68.3)
2008	1 800 432 (75.3)	1 470 133 (61.8)	3 270 565 (68.6)
2009	1 839 804 (76.1)	1 522 917 (63.2)	3 362 721 (69.6)
2010	1 842 423 (75.3)	1 510 043 (61.8)	3 352 466 (68.6)
2011	1 879 188 (76.0)	1 551 319 (62.6)	3 430 507 (69.3)

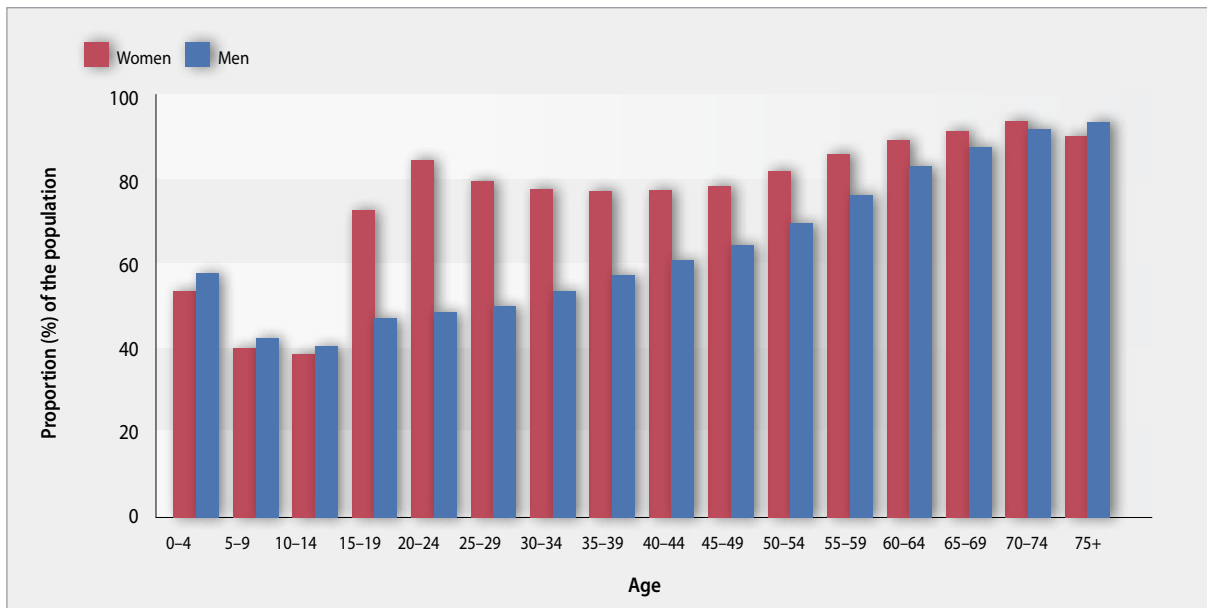


Figure 3.1: One-year prevalence (%) of the population who had at least one prescription dispensed in 2011 in Norway according to age and gender

Reseptregisteret ble opprettet 1. januar 2004 og i perioden 2004–2011 har mer enn 4,9 millioner individer blitt inkludert i NorPD med minst ett legemiddel utlevert på resept fra apotek. Antall legemiddelutleveringer etter resept til pasienter i samme periode er 285 millioner.

I 2011 fikk 69,3 % av den norske befolkningen utlevert minst ett legemiddel på resept, 76 % av kvinnene og 62,6 % av mennene (tabell 3.1.a). Krav om at pasientens fødselsnummer skal påføres resepten ble innført 1. oktober 2003. I 2004, det første driftsåret for NorPD, var andelen av resepter med ugyldig eller manglende 11-sifret fødselsnummer 3,7 %. I årene 2006–2007 lå denne andelen på rundt 2 %, og i 2008 og 2009 har den ligget på i underkant av 1,4 %. I 2010 og 2011 var andelen uten gyldig fødselsnummer under 1 % (0,87 % i 2011).

Ettårsprevalensen for å få utlevert legemiddel etter resept i 2010 var lavest for begge kjønn i aldersgruppen 10–14 år (figur 3.1). Rundt 90 % av individene i alderen 70 år og eldre fikk utlevert medisiner etter resept. Hvis vi ekskluderer kvinner som kun fikk utlevert hormonelle prevensjonsmidler (ATC-kode G03A), blir prevalensen av legemiddelbruk redusert med ca. 10–15 % hos kvinner i alderen 15–29 år, men fortsatt var andelen av legemiddelbrukere blant kvinner over 15 år høyere enn blant menn.

Since January 2004 more than 4.9 million individuals have been included in NorPD with at least one prescription medication dispensed from a pharmacy. The number of prescriptions dispensed to patients in the same period (2004–2011) is 285 million.

In 2011, 69.3% of the Norwegian population had at least one prescription dispensed, 76% of women and 62.6% of men (table 3.1.a). In 2004, the first operational year of NorPD, the proportion of prescriptions having invalid or missing personal identification number was 3.7%. In the period 2005–2007, the proportion was around 2%. The proportion of prescriptions with an invalid personal identification number has declined further to just below 1.4 % in 2008 and 2009. In 2010 and 2011 the proportion was less than 1% (0.87% in 2011).

The age-specific one year prevalence for having a drug dispensed in 2011 was lowest in both genders at about 10–14 years of age (figure 3.1). About 90 % of individuals aged 70 years and older received prescription medications. Excluding women who received only hormonal contraception for systemic use (ATC code G03A), the prevalence of drug use was reduced by about 10–15 % in women aged 15–29, although the proportion of drug users among women over 15 years of age was still higher than in men.

Table 3.1.b: One-year prevalence, or % of the population having at least one prescription dispensed, in Norway in 2011 according to the main ATC groups

ATC	Women %	Men %	Both genders %
A Alimentary tract and metabolism	17.1	12.9	15.0
B Blood and blood forming organs	12.0	12.2	12.1
C Cardiovascular system	20.7	19.6	20.2
D Dermatologicals	13.8	11.5	12.6
G Genito urinary system and sex hormones	24.6	5.5	15.0
H Systemic hormonal preparations, excl. sex hormones and insulins	11.0	5.3	8.1
J Anti-infectives for systemic use	31.7	21.9	26.8
L Anti-neoplastic and immunomodulating agents	1.8	1.5	1.6
M Musculo-skeletal system	21.5	16.0	18.7
N Nervous system	30.7	21.0	25.8
P Anti-parasitic products, insecticides and repellents	2.4	1.4	1.9
R Respiratory system	27.7	21.7	24.7
S Sensory organs	14.2	10.8	12.5
V Various	0.4	0.4	0.4

Tabell 3.1.b viser ettårsprevalens for hele befolkningen som har fått utlevert minst ett legemiddel etter resept innen hver av de 14 ATC-hovedgruppene, totalt og fordelt på kvinner og menn. De tre legemiddelgruppene som er mest brukt blant begge kjønn er midler mot infeksjoner til systemisk bruk (ATC-gruppe J), legemidler med virkning på nervesystemet (ATC-gruppe N) og legemidler som brukes for sykdommer i luftveiene (ATC-gruppe R).

Tabell 3.1.c viser en oversikt over legemidler med flest brukere i Norge i 2011. De legemidlene (definert som ATC 5. nivåer) som brukes av flest personer er smertestillende midler (diclofenac og kombinasjonen kodein/paracetamol. Fenoxymetylpenicillin (antibiotikum) har ligget som nummer to på listen de tre siste årene. Paracetamol (smertestillende) er i 2011 nummer fem på listen etter å ha ligget på henholdsvis 8. og 7. plass i 2009 og 2010. Paracetamol brukes også av mange reseptfritt og denne bruken telles ikke i Reseptregisteret. Erytromycin som bl.a. brukes til behandling av mykoplasma infeksjoner har hatt en stor økning i antall brukere i 2011 og er nummer 16 på listen (nr. 21 i 2010). For øvrig inneholder listen i hovedsak de samme legemidlene som tidligere år men med noen endringer i rekkefølgen.

Table 3.1.b shows the one-year prevalence of the entire population, and among men and women, who received at least one prescription in each of the main ATC groups. The three drug groups most used in both men and women are anti-infectives (ATC group J), drugs affecting the nervous system (ATC group N) and drugs used for respiratory diseases (ATC group R).

Table 3.1.c lists the medicines with most users in Norway in 2011. The medicines (defined as ATC 5th levels) used by most individuals are analgesics (diclofenac, and the combination of codeine / paracetamol). Phenoxymethylpenicillin (antibacterial) has for the last three years been number two on the list. Paracetamol (analgesic) is number five on the list in 2011 as compared to number 7 and 8 in the two previous years. Paracetamol is also used by many individuals without prescription and this use is not covered by NorPD. Erythromycine (antibacterial), used e.g. for treatment of mycoplasma infections, has shown a significant increase in number of users in 2011 and is number 16 on the list as compared to number 21 in 2010. In general the list comprises mainly the same medicines as previous years but with some changes in the sequence.

Table 3.1.c: Legemidler med flest brukere i Norge 2011/Drugs with the highest number of users i Norway 2011

	ATC code	Active ingredient	Use	Number of individuals	Proportion (%) of the population
1	M01AB05	diclofenac	NSAID/analgesic	483 075	9.8
2	J01CE02	phenoxymethylpenicillin	Antibacterial	465 991	9.4
3	N02AA59	codeine, combinations excl. psycholeptics	Analgesic	387 870	7.8
4	B01AC06	acetylsalicylic acid	Antithrombotic	377 732	7.6
5	N02BE01	paracetamol	Analgesic	336 593	6.8
6	C10AA01	simvastatin	Cholesterol-lowering	336 472	6.8
7	N05CF01	zopiclone	Hypnotic	306 079	6.2
8	R06AE07	cetirizine	Antihistamine	290 648	5.9
9	R05DA01	ethylmorphine	Cough suppressant	274 375	5.5
10	C07AB02	metoprolol	Antihypertensive/cardiac disease	261 240	5.3
11	M01AE01	ibuprofen	Analgesic	226 784	4.6
12	R03AC02	salbutamol	Asthma/COPD	208 507	4.2
13	S01AA01	chloramphenicol	Antibacterial eyedrops	200 684	4.1
14	J01CA08	pivmecillinam	Antibacterial	189 534	3.8
15	H03AA01	levothyroxine sodium	Thyroxine supplement	181 635	3.7
16	J01FA01	erythromycin	Antibacterial	170 300	3.4
17	H02AB06	prednisolone	Corticosteroid, synthetic	159 500	3.2
18	J01AA02	doxycycline	Antibacterial	148 562	3.0
19	R01AD09	mometasone	Anti-allergic nose spray	144 388	2.9
20	C10AA05	atorvastatin	Cholesterol lowering	140 846	2.8
21	R05CB01	acetylcysteine	Mucolytic	139 313	2.8
22	N02AX02	tramadol	Analgesic	138 458	2.8
23	N05BA04	oxazepam	Anxiolytic	131 920	2.7
24	J01CA04	amoxicillin	Antibacterial	131 884	2.7
25	N05BA01	diazepam	Anxiolytic	128 251	2.6
26	A02BC05	esomeprazole	Reflux oesofagitis	125 625	2.5
27	A02BC02	pantoprazole	Reflux oesofagitis	125 071	2.5
28	C08CA01	amlodipine	Antihypertensive/cardiac disease	121 600	2.5
29	N06AB10	escitalopram	Antidepressant	107 161	2.2
30	A10BA02	metformin	Diabetes	103 521	2.1

3.2 Beskrivelse av hovedtabellene

Tabellene i del 3 i denne boken gir en oversikt over antall individer som har fått utlevert legemidler etter resept fra apotekene i Norge. Alle som har hentet ut minst ett legemiddel er inkludert og opplysningene er fordelt på enkeltlegemidler og legemiddelgrupper. Selv om et individ har fått utlevert samme legemiddel flere ganger, telles vedkommende som bruker bare én gang. Det er kun utleveringer til individer med fullt fødselsnummer som er inkludert i tabellene i boken. I Reseptregisteret er 0,87 % av utleveringene til individer hvor fullstendig fødselsnummer ikke er angitt i 2011.

Tabellene inneholder tall for perioden 2007–2011. I tillegg er følgende opplysninger for 2011 inkludert:

- Andel kvinner (%) av totalt antall individer som har hentet ut minst én resept
- Antall individer som har hentet ut minst ett legemiddel etter resept fordelt på følgende aldersgrupper: <15, 15–44, 45–69, ≥70
- Salg i kroner fra apotek for utvalget i tabellen, dvs. til individer med fullt fødselsnummer. Kronebeløpet tilsvarer reell utsalgspris fra apotek.

Tabellene er sortert i henhold til ATC-systemet (se nærmere beskrivelse på s. 45). De aller fleste ATC-grupper med legemidler på det norske markedet er inkludert. Legemidler til pasienter i sykehus eller sykehjem er ikke tilgjengelig på individnivå i Reseptregisteret. Det totale antall legemiddelbrukere vil derfor være høyere enn det som fremgår av tabellene for en del legemidler, og spesielt for legemidler som brukes mye i sykehus. Vi har valgt å utelate noen ATC-grupper. Dette er legemidler som hovedsaklig brukes i sykehus eller institusjoner. Følgende ATC-grupper er utelatt:

B05	Blodsubstitutter og infeksjonsløsninger
B06	Andre hematologiske midler
J06	Immunsæra og immunglobuliner
J07	Vaksiner
L01	Antineoplastiske midler
M03A	Perifert virkende muskelrelakserende midler
N01	Anestetika
S01H	Lokalanestetika
S01J	Diagnostika
S01L	Midler ved okulær vaskulær sykdom
V	Varia (kun ATC-gruppe V01 <i>Allergener</i> er inkludert i tabellen)

Reseptfrie legemidler skrives i noen tilfeller også ut på resept, men i hovedsak vil salg av reseptfrie legemidler ikke være inkludert i denne boken. Salg av reseptfrie legemidler, både i og utenom apotek, er med i den

3.2 Description of the main tables

The tables in Section 3 of this book provide an overview of the number of individuals who have had prescriptions dispensed from pharmacies in Norway. Anyone who has had at least one prescription dispensed is included and the data are given for each medicinal substance and for groups of medicines. Even if an individual has been given the same medicine several times, he or she is counted as a user only once. Only dispensing data to individuals with a personal identification number are included in the tables. In NorPD the complete personal identification number is missing for 0.87% of the dispensed medicines to individuals in 2011.

The tables contain figures for the period 2007–2011. In addition, the following information for 2011 includes:

- Share of women (%) of the total number of individuals who have had at least one prescription dispensed
- The number of individuals who have had at least one prescription dispensed in the following age groups: <15, 15–44, 45–69, ≥70
- Sales in million Norwegian kroner (mNOK), i.e. for prescriptions dispensed to individuals with a personal identification number. The amount in NOK corresponds to the actual retail price from the pharmacy.

The tables are arranged according to the ATC system (see further description in p. 45). The majority of ATC groups containing drugs on the Norwegian market are included. Medicine use by individuals in hospitals and nursing homes is not included at the individual level in the Norwegian Prescription Database. The total number of medicine users will therefore be higher than the figures in the tables for a number of drugs, particularly for drugs that are frequently used in hospitals or institutions. We have chosen to exclude some ATC groups in this book that are mainly used in hospitals or institutions. The following ATC groups have been omitted:

B05	Blood substitutes and perfusion solutions
B06	Other hematological agents
J06	Immune sera and immunoglobulins
J07	Vaccines
L01	Antineoplastic agents
M03A	Muscle relaxants, peripherally acting agents
N01	Anesthetics
S01H	Local anesthetics
S01J	Diagnostic agents
S01L	Ocular vascular disorder agents
V	Various (ATC group V01 Allergens is included in the table)



Figure 3.2: The report generator at www.reseptregisteret.no (English version at www.norpd.no)

grossistbaserte legemiddelstatistikken, hvor tallmaterialet blir publisert i publikasjonen Legemiddelforbruket i Norge (se også s. 45). I tabellene i del 3 i denne boken er det tatt med en fotnote tilknyttet de ulike ATC-kodene hvor det i tillegg også selges reseptfrie pakninger. I 2011 utgjorde reseptfrie legemidler en andel på 15 % av totalt antall solgte doser (DDD). Disse andelene har holdt seg relativt konstant over tid.

De fleste legemidler som forskrives på resept, har godkjent markedsføringstillatelse i Norge. Leger har imidlertid anledning til å forskrive legemidler uten markedsføringstillatelse. Det må da søkes om spesielt godkjeningsfritak fra Statens legemiddelverk. Det finnes også enkelte legemidler som inngår i en såkalt negativliste, og som bare kan utleveres etter spesiell tillatelse fra Legemiddelverket. Legemidler som er forskrevet på resept etter søknad om godkjeningsfritak eller etter spesiell tillatelse fra Legemiddelverket, er inkludert i tabellene i boken. Antall individer som behandles med disse legemidlene vil ofte være lavt. Dersom antall individer er lavere enn fem, angis < 5 i tabellene.

Mange individer bruker flere legemidler. Vær derfor oppmerksom på at man ikke kan summere antall brukere av ulike legemidler, eller legemiddelgrupper i tabellene, for å finne totalt antall brukere av to eller flere legemidler. Statistikk på aggregert nivå i tabellene vil imidlertid inneholde brukere av minst ett av

Non-prescription medicines are sometimes prescribed, but the majority of the OTC medicine sales will not be included in the tables in this book. Sales of OTC medicines are, however, included in the Norwegian Drug Wholesales Statistics database and the figures are published in "Drug Consumption in Norway" (see also page p. 45). A footnote is used in the tables in part 3 of this book in the various ATC codes where OTC medicines are available in Norway. In 2011, OTC medicines had a share of 15% of total sales measured in DDDs. These shares have remained almost unchanged over time.

Most prescribed medicines have an approved marketing authorisation in Norway. However, physicians can prescribe drugs without approved marketing authorisation. They must then apply for a licence from the Norwegian Medicines Agency. There are also some medicines that are part of a so-called "negative list" which can only be prescribed by special permission from the Medicines Agency. Drugs that are prescribed on licence or by special permission are included in the tables in the book. The number of individuals who are prescribed these medicines is often low. If the number of individuals is less than five, <5 is used in the tables.

Many individuals use more than one medicine. Please be aware that it is not possible to add together the number of users of various drugs or drug groups in the tables to find the total number of users of two or more drugs. Statistics on the aggregate level in the

legemidlene i undernivåene. For eksempel viser tallene at totalt antall brukere av sovemidler (ATC-gruppe N05C) er lavere enn summen av antall brukere av de enkelte legemidlene som er klassifisert i N05C. Det betyr at noen individer har fått utlevert mer enn en type sovemiddel i løpet av et år, enten ved bruk av flere sovemidler samtidig eller ved bytte fra ett middel til et annet.

Reseptregisterets nettsider: www.reseptregisteret.no
Reseptregisteret har eget nettsted som kan brukes sammen med tabellene i denne rapporten for å få kompletterende informasjon. På søkesidene (figur 3.2) kan man selv lage rapporter over antall brukere av et bestemt legemiddel eller en legemiddelgruppe. Dette kan gjøres ved søk på forhåndsdefinerte legemiddelgrupper, via ATC-systemet eller ved søk på virkestoff eller produktnavn.

Følgende data om legemiddelbruk kan hentes ut fra nettstedet:

- Antall brukere, eventuelt fordelt på kjønn, 10 års aldersgrupper, fylke eller helseregion
- Antall brukere per 1 000 innbyggere (prevalens per 1 000)
- Omsetning i kroner
- Omsetning i doser (DDD – definerte døgndoser)
- Befolkningsgrunnlag i statistikken, eventuelt fordelt på kjønn, alder, fylke eller helseregion

Data er tilgjengelige fra 2004, og nettstedet oppdateres årlig med foregående års tall.

Tallene i denne rapporten kan avvike noe fra tallene som finnes på nettstedet. Årsaken er at uttrekket av data til boken er gjort på et noe senere tidspunkt enn datagrunnlaget for nettsiden. Rapporteringen av data fra apotek til Reseptregisteret er for en liten andel av reseptutleveringene forsinket. Forsinkelsen kan være på noen måneder, og dette innebærer at noen data fra foregående år blir rapportert på etterskudd. I tillegg er individer uten kjent bostedsadresse utelatt fra nettsiden, men inkludert i tabellene i denne rapporten. Nettstedet finnes også i engelsk versjon (www.norpd.no).

Utlevering av data fra Reseptregisteret

Det er mulig å søke om data fra Reseptregisteret til forskning eller til andre formål som er i henhold til formålet for Reseptregisteret. Søknadsskjema er tilgjengelige på nettstedet til FHI (www.fhi.no), og alle søknader om tilgang til data fra FHI skal sendes til datatilgang@fhi.no. Dataene er gratis, men kostnader i forbindelse med administrativ håndtering og filbehandling må påregnes.

tables will, however, include the use of at least one of the drugs in the included drug groups. For example, the figures in the tables show that the total number of users of sleeping pills (ATC group N05C) is lower than the sum of the number of users of the individual medicines that are classified in N05C. This means that some individuals have been given more than one type of sleeping pill during a year, either through the use of more than one simultaneously or by switching from one agent to another.

The NorPD website: www.norpd.no

The Norwegian Prescription Database has its own website which can be used together with the tables in this report for complementary information. On the website (figure 3.2), one can create reports on the number of users of a particular drug or drug group. This can be done by searching for pre-defined drug groups, through the ATC system or by searching the active substance or product name.

The following data on drug use can be extracted from the website:

- Number of users, split by gender, 10-year age groups, county or health region
- Number of users per 1 000 population (prevalence per 1 000)
- Turnover in NOK (pharmacy retail price)
- Turnover in doses (DDD – defined daily doses)
- Population base for the statistics, split by gender, age, county or health region

Data are available from 2004 with an annual update for the preceding year.

The figures in this book may differ slightly from the numbers found on the website. This is because the data extraction for the book was made at another date than the data on the website. Reporting of data from the pharmacy to NorPD is delayed for a minor number of prescriptions. The delay may be a few months, meaning that reports of data from a year can arrive the following year. Besides, individuals without known address are included in the tables in this book but not on the website.

Access to data from NorPD

It is possible to apply for data from the Norwegian Prescription Database for research or for other purposes which are according to the objectives of NorPD. Application forms are available on the website of NIPH (www.fhi.no) and all applications for access to data from NIPH should be sent to Datatilgang@fhi.no. The data is free of charge, but fees for administration and file processing will be required.

Beregning av prevalens per 1000 innbyggere

Prevalens er ofte definert som antall individer som har fått utlevert ett legemiddel per 1000 innbyggere. Antall individer oppgitt i tabellene kan benyttes til å beregne prevalens av legemiddelbruken i befolkningen. Hvordan dette kan gjøres er vist i eksemplet nedenfor.

Antall individer som fikk minst ett hjerte-/karmiddel (ATC-gruppe C) i Norge i 2011: 998 419

Antall innbyggere i Norge per 1. juli 2011: 4 953 216

Beregning av prevalens (per 1000) for brukere av hjerte-/karmidler i Norge i 2011:

$$\frac{\text{Antall individer} \times 1000}{\text{Antall innbyggere}} = \frac{998\,419 \times 1000}{4\,953\,216} = 201,6 \text{ individer per 1000 innbyggere}$$

På s. 127 finnes tabeller over befolkningstallet i Norge for årene 2007–2011. Befolkningstallet for de fire aldersgruppene i tabellene er også angitt. Det brukes middelfolkemengden for hvert år, dvs folketallet per 1. juli, beregnet ut fra Statistisk Sentralbyrås folketall 1.1 og 31.12. Alder er definert som den alder individet har ved slutten av året (utlevingsår minus fødselsår).

Calculation of prevalence per 1000 inhabitants

Prevalence is often defined as the number of individuals per 1000 inhabitants who have had at least one prescription dispensed in a pharmacy during a specific time period. The number of individuals listed in the tables can be used to calculate the prevalence of drug users in the population. Please read the following example:

The number of individuals who had at least one cardiovascular drug dispensed (ATC group C) in Norway in 2011: 998 419

The number of inhabitants in Norway as of 1st July 2011: 4 953 216

Calculation of the prevalence (per 1000) of users of cardiovascular drugs in Norway in 2011:

$$\frac{\text{The number of individuals} \times 1000}{\text{The number of inhabitants}} = \frac{998\,419 \times 1000}{4\,953\,216} = 201.6 \text{ individuals per 1000 inhabitants}$$

The population in Norway for the years 2007–2011 is shown on p. 127. The population of the four age groups in the tables is also provided. The population as of 1st July each year is used, calculated from the population figures by Statistics Norway from 1st January and 31st December. Age is defined as the age of the individual at the end of the year (year of dispensing minus birth year).

3.3 ATC main groups

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				Sales in 1000 NOK
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				
							<15	15-44	45-69	≥70	
A ALIMENTARY TRACT AND METABOLISM	610 766	647 848	678 424	702 527	742 144	57	21 630	169 883	332 767	217 864	1 441 744
B BLOOD AND BLOOD FORMING ORGANS	523 020	541 141	562 343	581 346	597 870	50	2 762	55 054	260 062	279 992	702 960
C CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM	883 033	917 229	945 884	975 140	998 419	51	5 529	94 538	522 767	375 585	1 879 102
D DERMATOLOGICALS	582 681	589 450	587 812	611 440	624 324	54	79 383	234 254	210 351	100 336	228 140
G GENITO URINARY SYSTEM AND SEX HORMONES	678 886	692 715	703 423	721 846	745 296	82	3 276	415 107	230 716	96 197	842 612
H SYSTEMIC HORMONAL PREPARATIONS, EXCL. SEX HORMONES AND INSULINS	342 524	357 070	375 464	387 820	402 895	67	16 472	108 182	172 886	105 355	418 533
J ANTIINFECTIVES FOR SYSTEMIC USE	1 236 736	1 247 164	1 394 472	1 252 356	1 326 119	59	176 429	536 866	423 376	189 448	699 249
L ANTINEOPLASTIC AND IMMUNOMODULATING AGENTS	65 309	70 154	72 795	76 656	81 605	54	1 180	17 972	38 192	24 261	2 168 965
M MUSCULO-SKELETAL SYSTEM	915 415	907 360	891 127	901 910	927 190	57	14 195	334 035	421 567	157 393	286 442
N NERVOUS SYSTEM	1 181 693	1 208 796	1 230 916	1 248 502	1 279 567	59	30 739	407 577	554 377	286 874	2 554 961
P ANTIPARASITIC PRODUCTS, INSECTICIDES AND REPELLENTS	88 000	89 343	86 714	88 743	92 281	63	3 186	42 467	36 347	10 281	33 169
R RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	1 153 020	1 151 929	1 183 767	1 183 735	1 223 304	56	182 251	448 141	430 104	162 808	1 478 331
S SENSORY ORGANS	585 905	596 101	596 290	609 467	617 591	57	118 923	181 573	188 647	128 448	308 635
V VARIOUS	10 023	11 571	13 317	15 900	18 601	49	2 926	6 862	5641	3 172	71 097

3.4 ATC group A – Alimentary tract and metabolism

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15–44	45–69	≥70							
A ALIMENTARY TRACT AND METABOLISM	610 766	647 848	678 424	702 527	742 144	57	21 630	169 883	332 767	217 864	1 441 744
A01 STOMATOLOGICAL PREPARATIONS	18 366	18 177	11 205	6 463	9 154	57	356	3 570	3 210	2 018	1 440
A01A STOMATOLOGICAL PREPARATIONS	18 366	18 177	11 205	6 463	9 154	57	356	3 570	3 210	2 018	1 440
A01AA Caries prophylactic agents	601	618	665	776	4 791	58	34	1 722	1 706	1 329	674
A01AA01 sodium fluoride ¹⁾	601	618	665	776	4 791	58	34	1 722	1 706	1 329	674
A01AB Antiinfectives and antiseptics for local oral treatment	8 913	8 944	8 998	4 088	2 553	53	171	1 023	884	475	269
A01AB02 hydrogen peroxide ¹⁾	53	<5	0	<5	<5	100	0	0	<5	0	0
A01AB03 chlorhexidine ¹⁾	2 283	2 312	2 293	2 540	2 482	53	168	1 000	858	456	206
A01AB04 amphotericin B	6 514	6 554	6 690	1 529	52	71	0	17	19	16	52
A01AB09 miconazole	12	<5	5	<5	5	60	<5	<5	0	0	9
A01AB11 various ¹⁾	11	18	22	26	14	86	0	<5	7	<5	2
A01AB17 metronidazole	106	108	45	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
A01AC Corticosteroids for local oral treatment	8 821	8 434	1 026	1 155	1 379	63	128	485	554	212	344
A01AC01 triamcinolone	8 821	8 434	1 026	1 155	1 379	63	128	485	554	212	344
A01AD Other agents for local oral treatment	402	550	598	508	516	58	26	360	97	33	152
A01AD01 epinephrine	6	7	6	9	10	40	0	<5	6	<5	7
A01AD02 benzydamine	368	515	562	475	494	59	21	353	89	31	143
A01AD11 various	28	28	30	24	12	50	5	<5	<5	<5	2
A02 DRUGS FOR ACID RELATED DISORDERS	277 446	298 397	316 609	338 746	366 428	54	6 669	81 415	175 643	102 701	368 198
A02A ANTACIDS	4 499	4 296	4 537	4 691	4 777	44	146	1 079	1 683	1 869	5 827
A02AA Magnesium compounds	0	0	0	0	5	40	0	0	<5	<5	2
A02AA02 magnesium oxide	0	0	0	0	5	40	0	0	<5	<5	2
A02AC Calcium compounds	1 414	1 398	1 293	1 229	1 085	36	11	135	413	526	800
A02AC01 calcium carbonate ¹⁾	1 414	1 398	1 293	1 229	1 085	36	11	135	413	526	800
A02AD Combinations and complexes of aluminium, calcium and magnesium compounds	1 547	1 240	1 495	1 485	1 526	60	52	696	487	291	216
A02AD01 ordinary salt combinations ¹⁾	1 547	1 240	1 495	1 485	1 526	60	52	696	487	291	216
A02AH Antacids with sodium bicarbonate	2 107	2 166	2 187	2 341	2 471	34	41	269	925	1 236	4 560
A02B DRUGS FOR PEPTIC ULCER AND GASTRO-OESOPHAGEAL REFLUX DISEASE (GORD)	274 929	296 148	314 287	336 339	364 136	54	6 570	80 951	174 927	101 688	362 371
A02BA H₂-receptor antagonists	60 233	59 188	58 630	57 804	57 041	59	1 225	15 671	25 984	14 161	18 437

¹⁾The ATC level comprises OTC medicinal products. The number of individuals is registered for prescription sales only.

ATC group A

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
A02BA01 cimetidine	6 270	356	56	46	34	62	0	<5	17	14	17
A02BA02 ranitidine ¹⁾	50 376	55 440	55 484	54 984	54 639	59	1 213	15 330	24 862	13 234	16 187
A02BA03 famotidine ¹⁾	3 920	3 448	2 878	2 547	2 313	56	11	284	1 115	903	2 186
A02BA07 ranitidine bismuth citrate	247	<5	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
A02BA53 famotidine, combinations ¹⁾	306	351	378	367	221	65	<5	82	74	63	47
A02BB Prostaglandins	237	267	248	259	255	80	0	135	78	42	191
A02BB01 misoprostol	237	267	248	259	255	80	0	135	78	42	191
A02BC Proton pump inhibitors	227 639	250 321	269 754	292 835	321 935	54	5 494	69 299	156 197	90 945	343 128
A02BC01 omeprazole	40 041	44 880	46 873	47 082	48 114	55	3 238	9 790	21 375	13 711	49 264
A02BC02 pantoprazole ¹⁾	57 054	74 965	85 176	102 237	125 071	54	488	28 819	59 780	35 984	48 404
A02BC03 lansoprazole	48 545	50 410	50 018	48 809	47 345	51	404	8 911	24 020	14 010	32 300
A02BC05 esomeprazole	117 306	108 181	111 446	117 963	125 625	55	1 785	27 991	62 695	33 154	213 160
A02BX Other drugs for peptic ulcer and gastro-oesophageal reflux disease (GORD)	1 685	1 837	1 807	1 909	2 140	61	233	670	734	503	614
A02BX02 sucralfate	378	424	403	366	416	56	<5	106	178	130	309
A02BX13 alginic acid	1 312	1 424	1 414	1 549	1 739	62	232	571	560	376	305
A03 DRUGS FOR FUNCTIONAL GASTROINTESTINAL DISORDERS	54 638	58 719	60 485	62 554	65 496	71	1 551	22 681	24 443	16 821	13 974
A03A DRUGS FOR FUNCTIONAL BOWEL DISORDERS	3 450	3 365	3 471	3 623	3 148	57	172	669	1 075	1 232	1 397
A03AA Synthetic anticholinergics, esters with tertiary amino group	34	45	28	29	26	81	0	10	14	<5	42
A03AA04 mebeverine	34	42	27	29	26	81	0	10	14	<5	42
A03AA07 dicycloverine	0	<5	<5	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
A03AB Synthetic anticholinergics, quaternary ammonium compounds	41	32	112	132	159	41	<5	20	68	69	142
A03AB02 glycopyrronium	28	25	105	128	154	42	<5	16	67	69	140
A03AB05 propantheline	13	7	7	<5	5	0	0	<5	<5	0	3
A03AD Papaverine and derivatives	71	48	37	59	47	19	0	<5	30	13	88
A03AD01 papaverine	71	48	37	59	47	19	0	<5	30	13	88
A03AE Drugs acting on serotonin receptors	19	<5	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
A03AE02 tegaserod	19	<5	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
A03AX Other drugs for functional bowel disorders	3 290	3 239	3 302	3 405	2 923	58	170	636	965	1 152	1 125
A03AX13 silicones	3 290	3 239	3 302	3 405	2 923	58	170	636	965	1 152	1 125
A03B BELLADONNA AND DERIVATIVES, PLAIN	1 305	1 101	1 382	1 617	1 910	59	9	786	808	307	712

¹⁾The ATC level comprises OTC medicinal products. The number of individuals is registered for prescription sales only.

ATC group A

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
A03BA Belladonna alkaloids, tertiary amines	1 050	861	1 098	1 297	1 510	56	6	627	638	239	501
A03BA01 atropine	33	27	26	22	23	35	0	5	13	5	22
A03BA03 hyoscyamine	1 017	834	1 072	1 276	1 487	57	6	622	625	234	479
A03BB Belladonna alkaloids, semisynthetic, quaternary ammonium compounds	259	242	285	321	406	69	<5	162	173	68	210
A03BB01 butylscopolamine	238	223	267	300	386	69	<5	155	163	65	207
A03BB03 methylscopolamine	21	19	18	23	21	71	0	7	11	<5	4
A03C ANTISPASMODICS IN COMBINATION WITH PSYCHOLEPTICS	30	27	18	19	20	45	0	<5	14	<5	23
A03CA Synthetic anticholinergic agents in combination with psycholeptics	30	27	18	19	20	45	0	<5	14	<5	23
A03CA02 clidinium and psycholeptics	30	27	18	19	20	45	0	<5	14	<5	23
A03F PROPULSIVES	50 518	54 797	56 321	58 104	61 210	72	1 377	21 395	22 879	15 559	11 842
A03FA Propulsives	50 518	54 797	56 321	58 104	61 210	72	1 377	21 395	22 879	15 559	11 842
A03FA01 metoclopramide	50 382	54 676	56 214	57 999	61 088	72	1 359	21 363	22 835	15 531	11 187
A03FA02 cisapride	134	116	93	83	79	63	15	21	30	13	541
A03FA03 domperidone	35	39	44	55	71	65	5	20	27	19	115
A04 ANTIEMETICS AND ANTINAUSEANTS	12 190	12 918	13 054	13 797	14 668	59	269	2 491	8 112	3 796	31 189
A04A ANTIEMETICS AND ANTINAUSEANTS	12 190	12 918	13 054	13 797	14 668	59	269	2 491	8 112	3 796	31 189
A04AA Serotonin (5HT₃) antagonists	9 738	10 498	10 867	11 434	11 985	58	200	1 576	6 811	3 398	25 277
A04AA01 ondansetron	9 013	10 010	10 437	11 150	11 783	58	200	1 570	6 688	3 325	24 252
A04AA02 granisetron	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	100	<5	0	0	0	15
A04AA03 tropisetron	1 050	755	613	440	324	60	0	20	206	98	1 006
A04AA05 palonosetron	82	6	<5	5	<5	50	0	<5	<5	0	4
A04AD Other antiemetics	3 105	3 138	3 193	3 887	4 658	67	72	1 302	2 668	616	5 912
A04AD01 scopolamine	2 446	2 412	2 111	2 135	2 400	59	69	862	1 077	392	671
A04AD05 metopimazine	23	<5	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
A04AD10 dronabinol	<5	7	5	<5	5	40	0	<5	<5	0	34
A04AD12 aprepitant	642	719	1 078	1 761	2 269	77	<5	441	1 596	229	5 207
A05 BILE AND LIVER THERAPY	1 457	1 752	1 913	2 020	2 308	73	85	805	1 076	342	8 803
A05A BILE THERAPY	1 457	1 752	1 913	2 020	2 308	73	85	805	1 076	342	8 803
A05AA Bile acid preparations	1 445	1 749	1 909	2 015	2 303	73	85	804	1 075	339	8 801
A05AA02 ursodeoxycholic acid	1 445	1 749	1 909	2 015	2 303	73	85	804	1 075	339	8 801
A05AX Other drugs for bile therapy	12	<5	<5	5	5	100	0	<5	<5	<5	2

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A06 LAXATIVES	26 333	28 855	31 408	44 230	50 562	57	4 796	7 115	17 868	20 783	25 231
A06A LAXATIVES	26 333	28 855	31 408	44 230	50 562	57	4 796	7 115	17 868	20 783	25 231
A06AA Softeners, emollients	88	69	105	112	208	51	53	32	58	65	128
A06AA01 liquid paraffin ¹⁾	88	69	105	112	194	53	48	30	54	62	72
A06AB Contact laxatives	11 941	12 341	13 383	15 058	21 751	60	357	2 282	7 964	11 148	6 177
A06AB02 bisacodyl ¹⁾	3 843	3 847	3 858	4 056	6 512	64	96	804	2 157	3 455	1 731
A06AB06 senna glycosides ¹⁾	2 138	2 002	2 020	2 120	4 323	66	19	238	1 356	2 710	1 656
A06AB08 sodium picosulfate ¹⁾	7 092	7 574	8 584	10 082	10 944	55	247	1 155	4 129	5 413	2 251
A06AB20 contact laxatives in combination ¹⁾	11	6	<5	6	8	100	0	<5	<5	<5	3
A06AB53 dantron, combinations	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
A06AB56 senna glycosides, combinations ¹⁾	10	17	17	10	12	83	0	<5	<5	8	2
A06AB58 sodium picosulfate, combinations ¹⁾	0	0	0	31	1 579	59	0	219	891	469	532
A06AC Bulk producers	1 586	1 508	1 772	1 996	2 054	61	42	537	782	693	561
A06AC01 ispaghula (psylla seeds) ¹⁾	1 575	1 505	1 772	1 996	2 054	61	42	537	782	693	561
A06AC51 ispaghula, combinations ¹⁾	11	<5	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
A06AD Osmotically acting laxatives	14 700	17 176	18 687	30 442	30 635	55	4 257	4 139	10 986	11 253	10 662
A06AD11 lactulose ¹⁾	12 320	13 475	13 507	14 464	14 508	52	683	1 821	5 239	6 765	3 856
A06AD12 lactitol	58	68	78	59	58	55	43	7	<5	<5	48
A06AD15 macrogol	0	0	0	45	79	54	76	<5	0	0	69
A06AD17 sodium phosphate ¹⁾	602	923	847	9 665	7 332	58	13	1 137	4 079	2 103	1 405
A06AD65 macrogol, combinations ¹⁾	2 086	3 327	4 947	7 273	9 941	56	3 590	1 289	2 183	2 879	5 283
A06AG Enemas	4 453	4 522	4 649	4 892	5 457	50	530	1 226	1 840	1 861	6 724
A06AG02 bisacodyl ¹⁾	1 574	1 468	1 475	1 410	1 680	46	37	472	670	501	711
A06AG04 glycerol ¹⁾	649	689	772	827	905	49	210	218	235	242	2 809
A06AG10 docusate sodium, incl. combinations ¹⁾	1 137	1 213	1 217	1 394	1 484	52	83	335	526	540	1 695
A06AG11 laurilsulfate, incl. combinations ¹⁾	1 475	1 511	1 567	1 647	1 825	51	220	285	585	735	1 508
A06AH Peripheral opioid receptor antagonists	0	18	164	197	195	49	0	21	98	76	979
A06AH01 methylnaltrexone bromide	0	18	164	197	195	49	0	21	98	76	979
A07 ANTIDIARRHEALS, INTESTINAL ANTIINFLAMMATORY/ANTIINFECTIVE AGENTS	55 487	60 734	62 602	69 830	72 486	58	6 623	20 118	29 671	16 074	123 082
A07A INTESTINAL ANTIINFECTIVES	21 049	24 718	25 617	31 199	32 188	64	6 105	8 035	11 059	6 989	12 285

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A07AA Antibiotics	21 049	24 718	25 617	31 199	32 188	64	6 105	8 035	11 059	6 989	12 285
A07AA02 nystatin	20 894	24 493	25 375	30 730	31 528	63	6 099	7 732	10 793	6 904	10 938
A07AA06 paromomycin	49	90	81	154	316	74	5	189	117	5	328
A07AA09 vancomycin	123	158	177	182	200	65	<5	41	78	79	659
A07AA11 rifaximin	0	0	<5	184	211	79	<5	101	99	10	360
A07B INTESTINAL ADSORBENTS	134	146	95	80	84	44	6	29	30	19	10
A07BA Charcoal preparations	134	146	95	80	84	44	6	29	30	19	10
A07BA01 medicinal charcoal ¹⁾	134	146	95	80	84	44	6	29	30	19	10
A07C ELECTROLYTES WITH CARBOHYDRATES	281	118	182	259	279	53	129	81	46	23	174
A07CA Oral rehydration salt formulations ¹⁾	281	118	182	259	279	53	129	81	46	23	174
A07D ANTIPROPULSIVES	15 085	15 925	16 124	16 735	17 206	56	135	3 452	7 704	5 915	7 034
A07DA Antipropulsives	15 085	15 925	16 124	16 735	17 206	56	135	3 452	7 704	5 915	7 034
A07DA01 diphenoxylate	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	50	0	0	<5	<5	12
A07DA02 opium	41	99	94	124	112	57	0	8	56	48	192
A07DA03 loperamide ¹⁾	15 017	15 718	15 829	16 464	16 931	56	133	3 346	7 601	5 851	6 740
A07DA53 loperamide, combinations ¹⁾	76	221	326	294	282	54	<5	108	104	68	90
A07E INTESTINAL ANTIINFLAMMATORY AGENTS	20 618	21 365	21 914	22 753	23 690	52	230	8 320	11 512	3 628	100 098
A07EA Corticosteroids acting locally	4 407	4 806	5 014	5 212	5 155	60	53	1 809	2 420	873	15 551
A07EA01 prednisolone	975	1 002	1 011	1 175	1 292	51	11	528	592	161	1 379
A07EA02 hydrocortisone	1 159	1 195	1 233	1 154	408	67	<5	150	209	46	652
A07EA06 budesonide	2 480	2 820	2 972	3 190	3 583	62	42	1 189	1 677	675	13 521
A07EB Antiallergic agents, excl. corticosteroids	71	63	54	53	64	75	22	16	24	<5	416
A07EB01 cromoglicic acid	71	63	54	53	64	75	22	16	24	<5	416
A07EC Aminosalicylic acid and similar agents	18 442	18 950	19 275	19 918	20 669	50	187	7 452	10 042	2 988	84 130
A07EC01 sulfasalazine	6 613	6 461	6 194	6 104	5 966	54	6	1 446	3 414	1 100	7 138
A07EC02 mesalazine	11 301	11 965	12 549	13 330	14 229	48	181	5 834	6 406	1 808	72 679
A07EC03 olsalazine	463	494	488	494	452	50	<5	145	226	79	1 649
A07EC04 balsalazide	890	859	809	750	687	45	<5	276	321	89	2 665
A07F ANTIDIARRHEAL MICROORGANISMS	63	302	694	1 252	1 507	74	39	861	529	78	2 779
A07FA Antidiarrheal microorganisms	63	302	694	1 252	1 507	74	39	861	529	78	2 779
A07FA01 lactic acid producing organisms	0	204	581	918	912	74	10	540	341	21	1 963
A07FA02 saccharomyces boulardii	63	98	116	283	381	73	22	175	130	54	254

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A07X OTHER ANTIDIARRHEALS	64	107	139	99	117	80	0	66	45	6	87
A07XA Other antidiarrheals	64	107	139	99	117	80	0	66	45	6	87
A08 ANTI-OBESITY PREPARATIONS, EXCL. DIET PRODUCTS	36 776	37 873	38 343	19 168	10 367	77	<5	4 158	5 463	743	18 451
A08A ANTI-OBESITY PREPARATIONS, EXCL. DIET PRODUCTS	36 776	37 873	38 343	19 168	10 367	77	<5	4 158	5 463	743	18 451
A08AA Centrally acting antiobesity products	17 850	22 024	25 710	5 782	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
A08AA10 sibutramine	17 850	22 024	25 710	5 782	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
A08AB Peripherally acting antiobesity products	16 710	14 563	14 540	14 575	10 367	77	<5	4 158	5 463	743	18 451
A08AB01 orlistat ¹⁾	16 710	14 563	14 540	14 575	10 367	77	<5	4 158	5 463	743	18 451
A08AX Other antiobesity drugs	5 242	4 206	<5	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
A08AX01 rimonabant	5 242	4 206	<5	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
A09 DIGESTIVES, INCL. ENZYMES	5 027	5 053	5 126	5 479	5 758	58	123	1 023	2 739	1 873	15 924
A09A DIGESTIVES, INCL. ENZYMES	5 027	5 053	5 126	5 479	5 758	58	123	1 023	2 739	1 873	15 924
A09AA Enzyme preparations	4 962	4 965	5 070	5 441	5 699	58	123	1 011	2 721	1 844	15 886
A09AA02 multienzymes (lipase, protease etc.)	4 962	4 965	5 070	5 441	5 699	58	123	1 011	2 721	1 844	15 886
A09AB Acid preparations	76	104	65	50	61	75	0	9	21	31	31
A09AB01 glutamic acid hydrochloride ¹⁾	58	66	52	44	54	74	0	7	18	29	28
A09AB02 betaine hydrochloride	0	0	0	0	<5	100	0	<5	0	0	3
A09AB03 hydrochloric acid ¹⁾	<5	<5	<5	6	6	83	0	<5	<5	<5	0
A09AB04 citric acid	15	35	10	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
A09AC Enzyme and acid preparations, combinations	0	0	0	15	17	94	0	10	6	<5	7
A09AC02 multienzymes and acid preparations	0	0	0	15	17	94	0	10	6	<5	7
A10 DRUGS USED IN DIABETES	131 977	139 101	145 677	152 065	156 540	44	1 834	22 798	80 460	51 448	548 675
A10A INSULINS AND ANALOGUES	49 356	51 156	52 603	54 014	54 993	43	1 811	13 852	24 774	14 556	348 231
A10AB Insulins and analogues for injection, fast-acting	30 993	32 514	33 562	34 874	35 656	43	1 803	12 551	15 459	5 843	125 808
A10AB01 insulin (human)	2 536	2 184	1 823	1 604	1 403	41	13	260	751	379	3 073
A10AB03 insulin (pork)	<5	<5	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
A10AB04 insulin lispro	8 632	8 672	8 615	8 835	9 021	42	156	4 085	3 897	883	36 434
A10AB05 insulin aspart	21 086	22 740	23 900	25 159	25 857	43	1 680	8 456	11 077	4 644	85 140
A10AB06 insulin glulisine	<5	145	270	375	404	46	<5	165	192	45	1 162

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A10AC Insulins and analogues for injection, intermediate-acting	34 030	33 505	33 129	32 520	31 915	42	661	5 824	15 187	10 243	106 182
A10AC01 insulin (human)	34 025	33 503	33 129	32 520	31 915	42	661	5 824	15 187	10 243	106 182
A10AC03 insulin (pork)	7	<5	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
A10AD Insulins and analogues for injection, intermediate-acting combined with fast-acting	10 253	10 261	9 736	9 112	8 303	43	7	587	3 970	3 739	39 123
A10AD01 insulin (human)	43	33	17	<5	<5	0	0	0	0	<5	31
A10AD03 insulin (pork)	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	<5	1
A10AD04 Insulin lispro	763	750	672	647	643	45	<5	124	333	183	2 891
A10AD05 insulin aspart	9 482	9 506	9 075	8 476	7 671	43	<5	464	3 645	3 558	36 199
A10AE Insulins and analogues for injection, long-acting	8 144	9 845	11 310	13 695	15 222	45	720	6 307	6 502	1 693	77 119
A10AE03 insulin (pork)	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	15
A10AE04 insulin glargine	5 137	6 167	6 958	8 433	9 559	45	250	4 033	4 173	1 103	44 242
A10AE05 insulin detemir	3 102	3 802	4 493	5 526	5 927	46	494	2 396	2 426	611	32 862
A10B BLOOD GLUCOSE LOWERING DRUGS, EXCL. INSULINS	98 919	105 413	111 436	117 293	121 206	45	24	10 456	67 132	43 594	200 444
A10BA Biguanides	81 208	88 638	95 537	101 637	103 521	45	16	9 510	58 818	35 177	52 597
A10BA02 metformin	81 208	88 638	95 537	101 637	103 521	45	16	9 510	58 818	35 177	52 597
A10BB Sulfonamides, urea derivatives	46 457	47 057	47 349	46 112	43 114	42	8	2 034	22 141	18 931	19 543
A10BB01 glibenclamide	2 127	1 912	1 738	1 539	1 343	43	6	52	598	687	721
A10BB02 chlorpropamide	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	100	0	0	<5	0	3
A10BB07 glipizide	6 094	5 707	5 229	4 807	4 281	43	0	122	1 782	2 377	2 509
A10BB12 glimepiride	38 632	39 867	40 684	40 028	37 731	41	<5	1 870	19 873	15 986	16 310
A10BD Combinations of oral blood glucose lowering drugs	2 680	2 652	3 852	8 219	10 972	37	0	909	7 471	2 592	49 241
A10BD03 metformin and rosiglitazone	2 680	2 641	2 575	2 284	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
A10BD04 glimepiride and rosiglitazone	0	<5	<5	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
A10BD05 metformin and pioglitazone	0	<5	27	32	35	49	0	<5	24	7	164
A10BD07 metformin and sitagliptin	0	0	318	2 187	4 053	36	0	309	2 778	966	17 942
A10BD08 metformin and vildagliptin	0	10	1 068	4 791	7 028	38	0	608	4 770	1 650	31 135
A10BF Alpha glucosidase inhibitors	1 100	988	922	813	701	43	0	30	341	330	1 062
A10BF01 acarbose	1 100	988	922	813	701	43	0	30	341	330	1 062
A10BG Thiazolidinediones	6 461	5 719	5 401	4 672	1 912	40	0	146	1 274	492	8 543
A10BG02 rosiglitazone	5 008	4 193	3 798	3 104	20	65	0	<5	10	9	20
A10BG03 pioglitazone	1 515	1 568	1 641	1 779	1 894	39	0	145	1 266	483	8 522

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A10BH Dipeptidyl peptidase 4 (DPP-4) inhibitors	143	798	1 752	6 478	9 436	42	0	711	5 976	2 749	40 780
A10BH01 sitagliptin	143	793	1 491	4 799	6 711	42	0	518	4 269	1 924	30 171
A10BH02 vildagliptin	0	6	288	935	1 274	44	0	82	767	425	3 827
A10BH03 saxagliptin	0	0	0	854	1 616	41	0	119	1 041	456	6 783
A10BX Other blood glucose lowering drugs, excl. insulins	530	725	847	1 335	3 523	47	0	543	2 534	446	28 679
A10BX02 repaglinide	435	399	330	283	252	38	0	10	137	105	515
A10BX03 nateglinide	12	13	13	11	9	33	0	<5	7	<5	20
A10BX04 exenatide	85	314	491	554	795	48	0	125	581	89	5 452
A10BX07 liraglutide	0	0	19	535	2 605	47	0	430	1 910	265	22 693
A11 VITAMINS	75 652	79 347	91 052	93 046	102 130	61	698	24 268	38 681	38 483	60 711
A11A MULTIVITAMINS, COMBINATIONS	0	0	0	0	28	39	24	<5	0	0	99
A11AA Multivitamins with minerals	0	0	0	0	28	39	24	<5	0	0	99
A11AA03 multivitamins and other minerals, incl. combinations	0	0	0	0	28	39	24	<5	0	0	99
A11B MULTIVITAMINS, PLAIN	31	39	78	100	74	77	34	40	0	0	65
A11BA Multivitamins, plain	31	39	78	100	74	77	34	40	0	0	65
A11C VITAMIN A AND D, INCL. COMBINATIONS OF THE TWO	6 742	7 962	9 836	11 360	17 025	58	284	5 917	6 971	3 853	13 570
A11CA Vitamin A, plain	31	38	29	30	42	60	<5	18	16	5	147
A11CA01 retinol (vit A)	18	22	13	14	20	65	0	7	10	<5	27
A11CA02 betacarotene	13	16	16	16	22	55	<5	11	6	<5	121
A11CC Vitamin D and analogues	6 714	7 931	9 815	11 337	16 991	58	281	5 902	6 960	3 848	13 422
A11CC01 ergocalciferol	1 477	2 034	3 096	4 250	8 653	66	115	4 164	3 507	867	3 483
A11CC03 alfacalcidol	3 190	3 526	3 790	3 884	4 123	45	126	598	1 634	1 765	6 320
A11CC04 calcitriol	1 911	2 085	2 297	2 396	2 632	45	10	412	1 121	1 089	3 261
A11CC05 colecalciferol	221	367	753	939	1 733	73	32	771	773	157	359
A11D VITAMIN B1, PLAIN AND IN COMBINATION WITH VITAMIN B6 AND B12 ¹⁾	624	697	762	790	749	36	7	105	467	170	509
A11DA Vitamin B1, plain	624	677	745	782	739	35	7	101	466	165	501
A11DA01 thiamine (vit B1) ¹⁾	624	677	745	782	739	35	7	101	466	165	501
A11DB Vitamin B1 in combination with vitamin B6 and/or vitamin B12	0	20	17	8	10	70	0	<5	<5	5	9
A11E VITAMIN B-COMPLEX, INCL. COMBINATIONS	65 855	68 574	78 387	78 352	82 342	61	244	17 552	31 337	33 209	43 403
A11EA Vitamin B-complex, plain ¹⁾	65 084	67 559	77 313	77 144	80 803	61	198	17 153	30 762	32 690	41 999

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A11EB Vitamin B-complex with vitamin C	0	58	114	92	155	55	<5	50	48	53	45
A11EX Vitamin B-complex, other combinations	793	986	1 008	1 155	1 443	45	42	357	545	499	1 359
A11G ASCORBIC ACID (VITAMIN C), INCL. COMBINATIONS	3 307	3 410	3 507	3 677	3 758	66	9	400	767	2 582	1 097
A11GA Ascorbic acid (vitamin C), plain	3 307	3 410	3 507	3 677	3 758	66	9	400	767	2 582	1 097
A11GA01 ascorbic acid (vit C) ¹⁾	3 307	3 410	3 507	3 677	3 758	66	9	400	767	2 582	1 097
A11H OTHER PLAIN VITAMIN PREPARATIONS	1 249	1 181	1 462	1 604	1 730	64	162	939	447	182	981
A11HA Other plain vitamin preparations	1 249	1 181	1 462	1 604	1 730	64	162	939	447	182	981
A11HA01 nicotinamide	14	14	5	13	11	82	<5	<5	<5	<5	12
A11HA02 pyridoxine (vit B6) ¹⁾	574	568	871	1 072	1 134	65	54	705	281	94	413
A11HA03 tocopherol (vit E) ¹⁾	650	590	572	442	412	52	97	132	103	80	478
A11HA04 riboflavin (vit B2)	14	13	16	12	11	55	<5	6	<5	<5	5
A11HA06 pyridoxal phosphate	0	0	0	66	161	87	7	94	58	<5	61
A11HA08 tocofersolan	0	0	0	0	<5	0	<5	0	0	0	12
A11J OTHER VITAMIN PRODUCTS, COMBINATIONS	51	63	59	61	91	70	43	38	10	0	118
A11JA Combinations of vitamins	51	63	59	48	53	55	42	10	<5	0	91
A11JB Vitamins with minerals	0	0	0	13	38	92	<5	28	9	0	27
A12 MINERAL SUPPLEMENTS	76 580	83 210	91 599	100 956	111 506	79	380	9 813	44 718	56 595	72 609
A12A CALCIUM	56 470	62 611	70 986	80 569	91 198	82	192	8 581	37 947	44 478	57 093
A12AA Calcium	1 449	1 515	1 467	1 417	1 137	69	62	173	455	447	1 155
A12AA02 calcium glubionate	<5	<5	8	7	<5	50	<5	0	<5	0	9
A12AA04 calcium carbonate ¹⁾	371	397	371	412	188	73	<5	21	63	102	51
A12AA06 calcium lactate gluconate ¹⁾	1 078	1 123	1 090	984	928	69	58	149	385	336	1 074
A12AA12 calcium acetate anhydrous	11	22	12	28	24	46	0	<5	9	12	22
A12AX Calcium, combinations with other drugs	55 193	61 293	69 722	79 351	90 231	83	130	8 432	37 561	44 108	55 938
A12B POTASSIUM	19 749	20 403	20 533	20 544	20 026	65	83	936	6 421	12 586	12 714
A12BA Potassium	19 749	20 403	20 533	20 544	20 026	65	83	936	6 421	12 586	12 714
A12BA01 potassium chloride	18 225	18 834	18 968	18 800	18 292	66	16	775	5 851	11 650	10 068
A12BA02 potassium citrate	1 799	1 860	1 828	2 055	2 034	64	70	186	666	1 112	2 627
A12BA30 combinations	5	5	<5	<5	<5	50	0	<5	<5	0	19
A12C OTHER MINERAL SUPPLEMENTS	3 345	3 628	3 773	4 004	4 806	60	102	544	1 737	2 423	2 598
A12CA Sodium	379	464	622	715	878	68	<5	58	265	552	438

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ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
A12CA01 sodium chloride ¹⁾	379	464	622	715	878	68	<5	58	265	552	438
A12CB Zinc	904	909	865	767	697	66	55	129	202	311	301
A12CB01 zinc sulfate	904	909	865	767	697	66	55	129	202	311	301
A12CC Magnesium	2 096	2 292	2 338	2 591	3 297	57	44	364	1 298	1 591	1 858
A12CC04 magnesium citrate	24	19	<5	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
A12CC10 magnesium oxide	0	9	13	18	101	56	<5	11	39	49	61
A12CC30 magnesium (different salts in combination) ¹⁾	2 077	2 272	2 328	2 573	3 211	57	40	356	1 266	1 549	1 762
A14 ANABOLIC AGENTS FOR SYSTEMIC USE	710	660	728	847	866	81	0	242	563	61	591
A14A ANABOLIC STEROIDS	710	660	728	847	866	81	0	242	563	61	591
A14AA Androstan derivatives	595	561	645	827	841	82	0	231	553	57	475
A14AA07 prasterone	593	560	644	827	841	82	0	231	553	57	475
A14AA08 oxandrolone	<5	<5	<5	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
A14AB Estren derivatives	117	100	84	21	25	20	0	10	11	<5	112
A14AB01 nandrolone	117	100	84	21	25	20	0	10	11	<5	112
A16 OTHER ALIMENTARY TRACT AND METABOLISM PRODUCTS	197	329	293	548	663	69	90	329	219	25	152 584
A16A OTHER ALIMENTARY TRACT AND METABOLISM PRODUCTS	197	329	293	317	335	55	75	125	113	22	152 302
A16AA Amino acids and derivatives	73	93	107	123	131	48	52	48	27	<5	2 824
A16AA01 levocarnitine	56	63	73	87	79	42	44	23	9	<5	1 270
A16AA03 glutamine	<5	13	17	12	19	68	0	8	10	<5	23
A16AA04 mercaptamine	8	8	7	10	8	38	5	<5	0	0	645
A16AA06 betaine	6	10	11	16	20	45	5	11	<5	0	883
A16AB Enzymes	44	44	51	50	56	38	<5	25	24	<5	120 213
A16AB02 imiglucerase	9	9	10	7	7	71	0	<5	5	0	14 818
A16AB03 agalsidase alfa	17	17	16	32	33	33	<5	15	12	<5	62 805
A16AB04 agalsidase beta	19	19	23	18	7	57	0	<5	5	0	8 812
A16AB05 laronidase	0	0	0	<5	<5	100	0	<5	0	0	957
A16AB07 alglucosidase alfa	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	6 699
A16AB09 idursulfase	0	0	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	0	0	12 922
A16AB10 velaglucerase alfa	0	0	0	0	6	33	0	<5	<5	0	13 200
A16AX Various alimentary tract and metabolism products	81	198	139	149	151	67	21	53	63	14	29 265
A16AX01 thioctic acid	66	180	122	121	109	72	<5	33	60	14	137
A16AX03 sodium phenylbutyrate	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	0	0	0	279

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ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70	<15		15-44	45-69	≥70		
A16AX04 nitisinone	11	12	12	13	14	21	11	<5	0	0	11 222
A16AX05 zinc acetate	<5	<5	<5	7	8	50	0	6	<5	0	83
A16AX06 miglustat	<5	0	0	<5	<5	67	<5	0	0	0	1 833
A16AX07 sapropterin	0	0	0	5	15	87	<5	11	<5	0	15 711

3.5 ATC group B – Blood and bloodforming organs

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15–44	45–69	≥70							
B BLOOD AND BLOOD FORMING ORGANS	523 020	541 141	562 343	581 346	597 870	50	2 762	55 054	260 062	279 992	702 960
B01 ANTITHROMBOTIC AGENTS	437 916	455 766	472 409	485 780	497 162	45	418	21 256	217 828	257 660	393 628
B01A ANTITHROMBOTIC AGENTS	437 916	455 766	472 409	485 780	497 162	45	418	21 256	217 828	257 660	393 628
B01AA Vitamin K antagonists	82 073	84 246	86 426	88 728	92 217	40	62	3 426	28 525	60 204	77 571
B01AA01 dicoumarol	70	88	93	90	93	47	0	13	36	44	491
B01AA02 phenindione	45	33	27	24	15	67	0	<5	6	6	65
B01AA03 warfarin	81 970	84 154	86 321	88 629	92 128	40	62	3 411	28 495	60 160	77 015
B01AB Heparin group	25 390	28 157	32 041	36 948	42 023	58	181	9 123	18 639	14 080	96 800
B01AB01 heparin	748	789	826	926	943	54	111	176	447	209	2 268
B01AB02 antithrombin III	0	<5	<5	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
B01AB04 dalteparin	13 379	15 439	15 917	21 249	25 587	59	47	5 368	11 519	8 653	57 752
B01AB05 enoxaparin	11 591	12 275	15 744	15 362	16 075	57	25	3 677	6 952	5 421	36 751
B01AB10 tinzaparin	0	0	0	0	6	67	0	5	<5	0	28
B01AC Platelet aggregation inhibitors excl. heparin	353 151	368 206	380 882	390 080	394 903	44	186	10 324	182 588	201 805	211 234
B01AC04 clopidogrel	23 296	25 178	26 429	28 372	29 470	34	<5	1 002	15 285	13 180	49 084
B01AC05 ticlopidine	432	429	420	327	273	47	0	<5	115	155	750
B01AC06 acetylsalicylic acid	344 984	359 578	370 132	376 010	377 732	44	185	9 935	175 242	192 370	104 653
B01AC07 dipyridamole	15 554	18 072	18 755	19 310	19 499	44	0	327	7 490	11 682	21 069
B01AC09 epoprostenol	7	9	7	<5	<5	50	0	0	<5	0	4 484
B01AC11 iloprost	5	<5	<5	<5	6	67	0	<5	<5	<5	1 996
B01AC21 treprostinil	8	9	9	9	8	75	0	<5	<5	0	14 376
B01AC22 prasugrel	0	0	31	214	487	25	0	28	317	142	2 152
B01AC24 ticagrelor	0	0	0	0	26	38	0	<5	9	16	81
B01AC30 combinations	1 331	2 230	5 557	8 787	11 323	44	0	253	4 764	6 306	12 588
B01AD Enzymes	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	100	<5	0	0	0	717
B01AD02 alteplase	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	100	<5	0	0	0	717
B01AE Direct thrombin inhibitors	0	<5	9	187	1 168	43	<5	35	426	705	5 885
B01AE07 dabigatran etexilate	0	<5	9	187	1 168	43	<5	35	426	705	5 885
B01AX Other antithrombotic agents	7	7	61	208	906	59	<5	103	413	388	1 422
B01AX05 fondaparinux	7	7	16	17	8	75	0	<5	<5	<5	70
B01AX06 rivaroxaban	0	0	45	191	899	59	<5	100	411	386	1 351
B02 ANTIHEMORRHAGICS	12 236	12 621	12 470	12 218	12 951	93	248	6 365	5 760	578	152 853
B02A ANTIFIBRINOLYTICS	11 882	12 227	12 065	11 854	12 574	94	181	6 200	5 680	513	5 295
B02AA Amino acids	11 858	12 204	12 033	11 845	12 572	94	181	6 198	5 680	513	4 578
B02AA02 tranexamic acid	11 858	12 204	12 033	11 845	12 572	94	181	6 198	5 680	513	4 578
B02AB Proteinase inhibitors	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	50	0	<5	0	0	717

ATC group B

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
B02AB02 alfa1 antitrypsin	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	50	0	<5	0	0	717
B02B VITAMIN K AND OTHER HEMOSTATICS	398	451	468	419	427	39	77	187	95	68	147 558
B02BA Vitamin K	226	263	275	212	208	65	51	73	33	51	151
B02BA01 phytomenadione	226	263	275	212	208	65	51	73	33	51	151
B02BB Fibrinogen	0	0	0	0	<5	100	0	0	<5	0	43
B02BB01 human fibrinogen	0	0	0	0	<5	100	0	0	<5	0	43
B02BD Blood coagulation factors	172	188	187	189	190	7	26	111	47	6	140 296
B02BD01 coagulation factor IX, II, VII and X in combination	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	100	0	<5	<5	0	322
B02BD02 coagulation factor VIII	122	138	129	134	132	1	22	74	34	<5	104 468
B02BD03 factor VIII inhibitor bypassing activity	7	8	6	6	7	0	0	<5	<5	<5	11 356
B02BD04 coagulation factor IX	26	23	30	28	30	0	<5	21	<5	<5	10 999
B02BD06 von Willebrand factor and coagulation factor VIII in combination	8	14	15	12	9	67	0	6	<5	<5	5 533
B02BD08 eptacog alfa (activated)	9	<5	7	7	7	43	<5	<5	<5	0	4 091
B02BD09 nonacog alfa	0	0	0	<5	<5	0	0	<5	<5	0	488
B02BD10 von Willebrand factor	0	0	0	<5	<5	50	<5	<5	0	0	3 038
B02BX Other systemic hemostatics	0	0	6	18	28	61	0	<5	14	11	7 068
B02BX04 romiplostim	0	0	6	14	15	47	0	<5	6	7	5 328
B02BX05 eltrombopag	0	0	0	<5	15	73	0	<5	9	<5	1 740
B03 ANTIANEMIC PREPARATIONS	112 845	113 447	120 950	129 327	135 589	65	1 961	29 566	49 706	54 356	123 172
B03A IRON PREPARATIONS	18 685	20 058	22 178	24 019	25 066	67	1 250	6 666	5 315	11 835	7 362
B03AA Iron bivalent, oral preparations	17 495	18 754	20 801	22 588	23 591	66	1 248	5 888	4 853	11 602	5 660
B03AA01 ferrous glycine sulfate ¹⁾	1 708	2 024	2 892	3 574	4 189	69	63	1 292	1 006	1 828	2 119
B03AA02 ferrous fumarate ¹⁾	1 208	1 337	1 333	1 320	1 323	50	963	151	60	149	190
B03AA03 ferrous gluconate	0	10	112	101	52	50	6	12	15	19	13
B03AA07 ferrous sulfate ¹⁾	14 691	15 544	16 693	17 767	18 250	67	222	4 474	3 810	9 744	3 338
B03AC Iron trivalent, parenteral preparations	1 257	1 395	1 461	1 524	1 577	85	<5	818	486	270	1 702
B03AC01 ferric oxide polymaltose complexes	0	0	0	0	<5	100	0	<5	0	0	6
B03AC02 saccharated iron oxide	302	297	288	280	325	79	0	151	108	66	464
B03AC06 ferric oxide dextran complexes	965	1 113	1 189	1 254	1 267	87	<5	673	383	208	1 232

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	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
B03B VITAMIN B12 AND FOLIC ACID	95 348	94 766	100 602	107 726	113 290	65	747	23 988	44 635	43 920	31 048
B03BA Vitamin B12 (cyanocobalamin and analogues)	67 011	65 577	69 156	76 095	78 958	67	149	16 873	28 616	33 320	18 047
B03BA01 cyanocobalamin	5 378	5 696	6 558	7 389	7 466	68	21	2 206	2 792	2 447	1 628
B03BA02 cyanocobalamin tannin complex	35 668	34 254	36 404	39 772	40 802	66	38	8 733	14 643	17 388	8 999
B03BA03 hydroxocobalamin	27 756	27 457	28 055	31 131	32 945	67	87	6 495	12 007	14 356	7 306
B03BA05 mecobalamin	26	26	16	38	91	82	7	53	28	<5	114
B03BB Folic acid and derivatives	33 592	34 058	36 595	36 320	39 071	61	609	7 773	17 567	13 122	13 001
B03BB01 folic acid1)	33 592	34 058	36 595	36 320	39 071	61	609	7 773	17 567	13 122	13 001
B03X OTHER ANTIANEMIC PREPARATIONS	3 511	3 520	3 639	3 485	3 456	39	26	316	1 260	1 854	84 762
B03XA Other antianemic preparations	3 511	3 520	3 639	3 485	3 456	39	26	316	1 260	1 854	84 762
B03XA01 erythropoietin	867	681	470	334	279	42	<5	28	106	142	6 549
B03XA02 darbepoetin alfa	2 683	2 716	2 785	2 714	2 704	39	23	250	980	1 451	66 885
B03XA03 methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta	7	230	452	475	516	37	<5	42	194	279	11 328
B06 OTHER HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS	32	29	45	45	46	65	<5	26	17	<5	15 564
B06A OTHER HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS	32	29	45	45	46	65	<5	26	17	<5	15 564
B06AC Drugs used in hereditary angioedema	32	29	45	45	46	65	<5	26	17	<5	15 564
B06AC01 c1-inhibitor, plasma derived	32	29	39	35	29	66	<5	15	12	<5	12 189
B06AC02 icatibant	0	0	6	14	23	74	<5	14	8	0	3 375

3.6 ATC group C – Cardiovascular system

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
C CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM	883 033	917 229	945 884	975 140	998 419	51	5 529	94 538	522 767	375 585	1 879 102
C01 CARDIAC THERAPY	130 333	129 659	124 929	122 995	120 507	48	3 706	7 485	40 100	69 216	80 504
C01A CARDIAC GLYCOSIDES	28 141	27 042	25 819	24 749	23 213	48	38	143	4 349	18 683	4 393
C01AA Digitalis glycosides	28 141	27 042	25 819	24 749	23 213	48	38	143	4 349	18 683	4 393
C01AA04 digitoxin	26 937	25 925	24 735	23 709	22 196	48	0	110	4 131	17 955	4 227
C01AA05 digoxin	1 223	1 144	1 123	1 068	1 084	49	38	33	233	780	166
C01B ANTIARRHYTHMICS, CLASS I AND III	9 190	9 879	10 321	11 688	12 398	35	36	577	6 806	4 979	25 732
C01BA Antiarrhythmics, class Ia	202	184	173	159	131	54	0	6	52	73	326
C01BA01 quinidine	9	5	<5	<5	5	100	0	0	<5	<5	27
C01BA03 disopyramide	193	179	170	156	126	52	0	6	50	70	299
C01BB Antiarrhythmics, class Ib	33	26	23	17	17	24	0	<5	9	<5	281
C01BB02 mexiletine	33	26	23	17	17	24	0	<5	9	<5	281
C01BC Antiarrhythmics, class Ic	5 112	5 517	5 783	6 393	6 734	39	34	447	4 306	1 947	13 966
C01BC03 propafenone	<5	<5	<5	<5	5	40	0	<5	<5	<5	16
C01BC04 flecainide	5 111	5 515	5 780	6 390	6 729	39	34	446	4 303	1 946	13 950
C01BD Antiarrhythmics, class III	3 967	4 273	4 475	5 432	5 808	29	<5	131	2 658	3 016	11 159
C01BD01 amiodarone	3 967	4 273	4 475	4 853	4 911	29	<5	107	2 112	2 689	4 064
C01BD07 dronedarone	0	0	0	767	1 034	33	0	27	629	378	7 094
C01C CARDIAC STIMULANTS EXCL. CARDIAC GLYCOSIDES	9 479	12 191	12 217	14 121	15 608	59	3 632	5 582	5 296	1 098	10 455
C01CA Adrenergic and dopaminergic agents	9 479	12 191	12 217	14 121	15 608	59	3 632	5 582	5 296	1 098	10 455
C01CA01 etilefrine	131	115	114	95	112	61	0	33	46	33	242
C01CA03 norepinephrine	0	<5	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
C01CA17 midodrine	18	14	14	16	20	65	0	12	6	<5	160
C01CA24 epinephrine	9 322	12 058	12 082	14 006	15 470	59	3 632	5 535	5 240	1 063	10 027
C01CA26 ephedrine	11	6	7	6	8	0	0	<5	5	0	26
C01D VASODILATORS USED IN CARDIAC DISEASES	91 790	88 490	83 930	79 479	75 819	47	<5	1 197	24 992	49 629	39 802
C01DA Organic nitrates	91 790	88 490	83 930	79 479	75 819	47	<5	1 197	24 992	49 629	39 802
C01DA02 glyceryl trinitrate	70 702	68 613	65 060	60 717	58 255	46	<5	1 127	21 771	35 356	12 609
C01DA08 isosorbide dinitrate	3 820	3 257	2 787	2 311	1 950	53	0	9	267	1 674	1 551
C01DA14 isosorbide mononitrate	40 190	38 046	35 905	34 145	31 871	51	0	140	6 503	25 228	25 642
C01E OTHER CARDIAC PREPARATIONS	145	133	138	138	67	75	<5	12	43	11	122
C01EB Other cardiac preparations	145	133	138	138	67	75	<5	12	43	11	122
C01EB09 ubidecarenone	132	123	129	126	59	73	<5	10	37	11	110
C01EB15 trimetazidine	13	10	9	10	6	83	0	<5	<5	0	11

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								<15	15-44	45-69	≥70	
C02	ANTIHYPERTENSIVES	17 295	17 795	17 689	17 442	17 596	27	18	723	8 290	8 565	56 463
C02A	ANTIADRENERGIC AGENTS, CENTRALLY ACTING	6 879	7 114	6 702	6 469	6 520	41	<5	347	3 677	2 495	6 312
C02AB	Methyldopa	1 130	1 084	410	141	107	71	0	53	32	22	313
C02AB01	methyldopa (levorotatory)	1 130	1 084	410	141	107	71	0	53	32	22	313
C02AC	Imidazoline receptor agonists	5 817	6 119	6 347	6 340	6 426	41	<5	295	3 653	2 477	5 999
C02AC01	clonidine	72	74	78	64	85	48	<5	27	45	12	108
C02AC05	moxonidine	5 746	6 045	6 269	6 276	6 341	41	0	268	3 608	2 465	5 890
C02C	ANTIADRENERGIC AGENTS, PERIPHERALLY ACTING	10 575	10 920	11 234	11 221	11 285	18	<5	340	4 822	6 122	14 476
C02CA	Alpha-adrenoreceptor antagonists	10 575	10 920	11 233	11 221	11 285	18	<5	340	4 822	6 122	14 476
C02CA04	doxazosin	10 575	10 920	11 233	11 221	11 285	18	<5	340	4 822	6 122	14 476
C02CC	Guanidine derivatives	0	0	<5	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
C02CC02	guanethidine	0	0	<5	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
C02D	ARTERIOLAR SMOOTH MUSCLE, AGENTS ACTING ON	339	331	319	301	317	33	<5	15	139	159	346
C02DB	Hydrazinophthalazine derivatives	302	300	285	270	288	34	<5	11	118	156	195
C02DB02	hydralazine	302	300	285	270	288	34	<5	11	118	156	195
C02DC	Pyrimidine derivatives	40	31	34	32	29	24	<5	<5	21	<5	151
C02DC01	minoxidil	40	31	34	32	29	24	<5	<5	21	<5	151
C02K	OTHER ANTIHYPERTENSIVES	89	106	119	142	161	67	12	53	68	28	35 328
C02KD	Serotonin antagonists	21	22	18	19	20	90	0	6	11	<5	514
C02KD01	ketanserin	21	22	18	19	20	90	0	6	11	<5	514
C02KX	Other antihypertensives	69	85	102	124	142	64	12	48	57	25	34 814
C02KX01	bosentan	69	83	91	103	114	61	12	38	44	20	25 315
C02KX02	ambrisentan	0	<5	12	19	33	76	0	11	14	8	9 499
C02KX03	sitaxentan	0	<5	0	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
C03	DIURETICS	225 203	233 975	235 553	223 840	208 881	61	207	9 214	80 919	118 541	90 932
C03A	LOW-CEILING DIURETICS, THIAZIDES	61 870	71 861	74 216	66 001	53 884	60	<5	2 615	27 914	23 351	25 445
C03AA	Thiazides, plain	38 198	44 489	45 271	36 364	16 030	58	<5	875	8 391	6 761	4 620
C03AA01	bendroflumethiazide	26 172	30 790	31 710	22 807	<5	0	0	0	0	<5	0
C03AA03	hydrochlorothiazide	12 097	13 766	13 625	16 731	16 029	58	<5	875	8 391	6 760	4 620
C03AB	Thiazides and potassium in combination	24 868	28 814	30 363	41 642	38 128	62	<5	1 764	19 656	16 707	20 826
C03AB01	bendroflumethiazide and potassium	24 868	28 814	30 363	41 642	38 128	62	<5	1 764	19 656	16 707	20 826

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ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
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	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
C03B LOW-CEILING DIURETICS, EXCL. THIAZIDES	5	6	6	5	6	50	0	0	<5	<5	27
C03BA Sulfonamides, plain	5	6	6	5	6	50	0	0	<5	<5	27
C03BA04 chlortalidone	5	6	6	5	6	50	0	0	<5	<5	27
C03C HIGH-CEILING DIURETICS	128 628	128 686	127 995	127 389	125 502	60	190	5 303	38 249	81 760	48 483
C03CA Sulfonamides, plain	128 628	128 686	127 995	127 389	125 502	60	190	5 303	38 249	81 760	48 483
C03CA01 furosemide	106 983	104 728	101 619	99 007	95 647	62	189	4 551	30 655	60 252	21 325
C03CA02 bumetanide	26 396	28 833	31 193	33 444	34 786	54	<5	864	8 671	25 250	27 146
C03CA04 torasemide	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	100	0	0	0	<5	12
C03CB Sulfonamides and potassium in combination	<5	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
C03CB02 bumetanide and potassium	<5	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
C03D POTASSIUM-SPARING AGENTS	16 818	17 302	17 602	17 636	17 866	49	19	912	6 883	10 052	11 792
C03DA Aldosterone antagonists	16 805	17 287	17 589	17 623	17 849	49	17	909	6 877	10 046	11 601
C03DA01 spironolactone	16 399	16 795	17 028	17 038	17 158	50	17	844	6 458	9 839	6 996
C03DA02 potassium canrenoate	<5	0	0	<5	<5	100	0	0	<5	0	4
C03DA04 eplerenone	453	579	658	678	798	15	0	71	474	253	4 601
C03DB Other potassium-sparing agents	16	15	18	18	22	41	<5	5	9	6	191
C03DB01 amiloride	16	15	18	18	22	41	<5	5	9	6	191
C03E DIURETICS AND POTASSIUM-SPARING AGENTS IN COMBINATION	36 317	35 388	34 026	31 692	28 447	66	11	840	13 231	14 365	5 044
C03EA Low-ceiling diuretics and potassium-sparing agents	36 317	35 388	34 026	31 692	28 447	66	11	840	13 231	14 365	5 044
C03EA01 hydrochlorothiazide and potassium-sparing agents	36 317	35 388	34 026	31 692	28 447	66	11	840	13 231	14 365	5 044
C03X OTHER DIURETICS	0	0	0	<5	<5	75	0	<5	<5	<5	140
C03XA Vasopressin antagonists	0	0	0	<5	<5	75	0	<5	<5	<5	140
C03XA01 tolvaptan	0	0	0	<5	<5	75	0	<5	<5	<5	140
C04 PERIPHERAL VASODILATORS	1 719	1 524	1 340	1 165	1 019	46	0	28	264	727	1 084
C04A PERIPHERAL VASODILATORS	1 719	1 524	1 340	1 165	1 019	46	0	28	264	727	1 084
C04AD Purine derivatives	1 715	1 520	1 334	1 160	1 018	46	0	28	263	727	1 079
C04AD03 pentoxifylline	1 715	1 520	1 334	1 160	1 018	46	0	28	263	727	1 079
C04AX Other peripheral vasodilators	<5	<5	6	5	<5	100	0	0	<5	0	5
C04AX01 cyclandelate	<5	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
C04AX02 phenoxybenzamine	<5	<5	6	5	<5	100	0	0	<5	0	5
C05 VASOPROTECTIVES	54 309	55 015	56 622	59 372	62 324	57	860	25 335	25 024	11 105	11 303

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C05A AGENTS FOR TREATMENT OF HEMORRHOIDS AND ANAL FISSURES FOR TOPICAL USE	48 819	49 681	51 350	54 315	56 889	56	821	24 369	22 774	8 925	9 499
C05AA Corticosteroids	48 021	48 507	49 667	52 387	54 728	56	787	23 325	21 933	8 683	7 121
C05AA01 hydrocortisone ¹⁾	11 920	9 924	9 649	9 749	9 661	56	246	3 848	3 961	1 606	1 908
C05AA04 prednisolone ¹⁾	38 325	40 337	41 682	44 303	46 723	56	554	20 257	18 589	7 323	5 213
C05AE Muscle relaxants	663	1 360	2 137	2 732	2 892	51	17	1 451	1 184	240	2 208
C05AE01 glyceryl trinitrate	663	1 360	2 137	2 732	2 892	51	17	1 451	1 184	240	2 208
C05AX Other agents for treatment of hemorrhoids and anal fissures for topical use	992	993	901	826	852	49	20	390	287	155	170
C05AX03 other preparations, combinations	973	963	885	807	832	49	20	377	282	153	135
C05B ANTIVARICOSE THERAPY	5 656	5 555	5 490	5 250	5 664	68	39	1 013	2 339	2 273	1 804
C05BA Heparins or heparinoids for topical use	5 647	5 551	5 486	5 245	5 654	69	39	1 010	2 332	2 273	1 787
C05BA01 organo-heparinoid ¹⁾	5 620	5 525	5 462	5 211	5 627	68	39	1 007	2 321	2 260	723
C05BA04 pentosan polysulfate sodium	27	26	25	34	27	93	0	<5	11	13	1 065
C05BB Sclerosing agents for local injection	9	<5	<5	5	10	60	0	<5	7	0	17
C05BB02 polidocanol	9	<5	<5	5	10	60	0	<5	7	0	17
C07 BETA BLOCKING AGENTS	343 799	351 983	356 313	361 076	364 230	49	371	19 922	165 749	178 188	177 206
C07A BETA BLOCKING AGENTS	338 456	346 545	350 748	355 651	359 124	49	371	19 630	162 596	176 527	173 843
C07AA Beta blocking agents, non-selective	28 174	27 359	25 833	24 967	24 719	58	133	4 509	10 863	9 214	10 987
C07AA03 pindolol	35	31	28	28	26	69	0	<5	11	13	53
C07AA05 propranolol	15 992	16 403	16 540	16 856	17 412	64	125	4 310	8 174	4 803	6 366
C07AA06 timolol	1 462	1 337	636	13	9	67	0	0	7	<5	29
C07AA07 sotalol	10 750	9 646	8 818	8 082	7 269	46	6	178	2 681	4 404	4 480
C07AA12 nadolol	8	12	13	17	29	48	<5	21	5	0	60
C07AB Beta blocking agents, selective	290 513	299 225	305 475	311 150	315 089	49	223	13 197	142 205	159 464	145 415
C07AB02 metoprolol	235 349	244 333	250 953	256 753	261 240	48	204	10 995	118 601	131 440	124 326
C07AB03 atenolol	46 631	42 914	39 561	36 754	33 972	59	18	1 443	14 620	17 891	9 209
C07AB07 bisoprolol	12 020	15 502	18 388	21 004	23 114	46	<5	896	10 401	11 815	11 881
C07AG Alpha and beta blocking agents	24 757	24 683	24 389	23 887	23 377	45	19	2 254	11 324	9 780	17 440
C07AG01 labetalol	2 158	2 173	2 324	2 392	2 447	80	<5	1 475	601	368	2 353
C07AG02 carvedilol	22 634	22 530	22 092	21 525	20 957	41	16	782	10 742	9 417	15 087
C07B BETA BLOCKING AGENTS AND THIAZIDES	5 875	5 991	6 057	5 815	5 485	55	0	310	3 356	1 819	3 364

¹⁾The ATC level comprises OTC medicinal products. The number of individuals is registered for prescription sales only.

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C07BB Beta blocking agents, selective, and thiazides	5 875	5 991	6 057	5 815	5 485	55	0	310	3 356	1 819	3 364
C07BB07 bisoprolol and thiazides	5 875	5 991	6 057	5 815	5 485	55	0	310	3 356	1 819	3 364
C08 CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS	200 902	208 610	214 671	221 256	224 226	48	72	8 836	107 469	107 849	155 748
C08C SELECTIVE CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS WITH MAINLY VASCULAR EFFECTS	176 033	185 199	192 742	200 625	205 158	48	59	8 079	100 275	96 745	135 985
C08CA Dihydropyridine derivatives	176 033	185 199	192 742	200 625	205 158	48	59	8 079	100 275	96 745	135 985
C08CA01 amlodipine	111 182	113 649	115 250	119 283	121 600	46	36	4 049	59 008	58 507	56 063
C08CA02 felodipine	17 749	17 106	16 692	16 309	16 008	51	0	387	7 024	8 597	11 986
C08CA03 isradipine	693	683	664	620	568	55	<5	9	246	312	1 054
C08CA05 nifedipine	26 450	28 302	29 940	31 649	32 708	49	24	2 475	15 949	14 260	43 213
C08CA06 nimodipine	35	36	32	44	51	73	0	15	31	5	42
C08CA13 lercanidipine	23 469	28 958	33 491	36 038	37 459	51	0	1 300	19 562	16 597	23 626
C08D SELECTIVE CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS WITH DIRECT CARDIAC EFFECTS	26 226	24 757	23 260	21 851	20 196	55	13	786	7 604	11 793	19 763
C08DA Phenylalkylamine derivatives	19 138	18 204	17 237	16 444	15 365	56	13	710	5 712	8 930	10 466
C08DA01 verapamil	19 138	18 204	17 237	16 444	15 365	56	13	710	5 712	8 930	10 466
C08DB Benzothiazepine derivatives	7 157	6 633	6 091	5 473	4 875	54	0	77	1 905	2 893	9 297
C08DB01 diltiazem	7 157	6 633	6 091	5 473	4 875	54	0	77	1 905	2 893	9 297
C09 AGENTS ACTING ON THE RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM	430 122	452 974	473 386	498 501	517 042	48	474	28 261	281 215	207 092	808 671
C09A ACE INHIBITORS, PLAIN	120 705	123 584	125 437	130 265	132 245	42	426	7 218	61 416	63 185	64 390
C09AA ACE inhibitors, plain	120 705	123 584	125 437	130 265	132 245	42	426	7 218	61 416	63 185	64 390
C09AA01 captopril	3 988	3 500	3 233	2 858	2 509	45	210	93	823	1 383	4 134
C09AA02 enalapril	41 791	42 623	43 094	45 453	45 869	47	217	3 004	21 867	20 781	18 717
C09AA03 lisinopril	28 417	27 936	27 083	26 749	26 058	47	<5	1 577	12 630	11 849	13 132
C09AA05 ramipril	47 159	50 153	52 684	55 804	58 431	35	7	2 586	26 345	29 493	28 220
C09AA10 trandolapril	117	119	111	92	85	27	0	<5	45	36	187
C09B ACE INHIBITORS, COMBINATIONS	35 749	35 757	35 260	35 985	35 727	49	0	1 268	18 344	16 115	26 755
C09BA ACE inhibitors and diuretics	35 749	35 757	35 023	35 193	34 459	49	0	1 179	17 608	15 672	25 292
C09BA02 enalapril and diuretics	19 816	20 161	20 154	20 520	20 244	49	0	761	10 443	9 040	15 510
C09BA03 lisinopril and diuretics	15 959	15 625	14 889	14 697	14 237	50	0	420	7 177	6 640	9 782
C09BB ACE inhibitors and calcium channel blockers	0	0	259	820	1 307	44	0	91	760	456	1 463

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C09BB02 enalapril and lercanidipine	0	0	259	820	1 307	44	0	91	760	456	1 463
C09C ANGIOTENSIN II ANTAGONISTS, PLAIN	153 235	162 375	168 742	180 140	187 460	51	73	13 801	105 854	67 732	296 764
C09CA Angiotensin II antagonists, plain	153 235	162 375	168 742	180 140	187 460	51	73	13 801	105 854	67 732	296 764
C09CA01 losartan	44 600	44 127	42 955	51 872	57 359	51	37	3 574	31 497	22 251	38 070
C09CA02 eprosartan	2 213	2 386	2 322	2 063	1 785	52	0	62	846	877	3 525
C09CA03 valsartan	19 497	20 016	20 380	20 748	22 461	48	<5	1 457	12 974	8 029	34 421
C09CA04 irbesartan	23 786	23 422	22 328	21 419	20 345	50	0	998	11 744	7 603	44 366
C09CA06 candesartan	60 248	67 536	74 704	78 234	79 739	53	34	7 341	45 232	27 132	160 469
C09CA07 telmisartan	3 810	5 222	5 866	5 988	5 977	44	0	382	3 590	2 005	12 573
C09CA08 olmesartan medoxomil	1 093	1 539	1 751	1 680	1 642	50	<5	160	1 011	469	3 339
C09D ANGIOTENSIN II ANTAGONISTS, COMBINATIONS	158 621	172 489	184 232	195 551	202 968	50	0	8 435	118 664	75 869	420 522
C09DA Angiotensin II antagonists and diuretics	157 769	168 660	174 848	179 893	180 855	51	0	6 908	104 494	69 453	350 635
C09DA01 losartan and diuretics	63 364	64 598	63 952	66 088	66 981	53	0	2 269	37 046	27 666	60 509
C09DA02 eprosartan and diuretics	1 428	1 840	2 042	1 924	1 774	49	0	75	964	735	3 839
C09DA03 valsartan and diuretics	23 363	24 767	25 424	25 643	25 522	49	0	997	15 018	9 507	68 009
C09DA04 irbesartan and diuretics	29 862	31 288	31 418	30 818	29 807	50	0	955	17 144	11 708	79 332
C09DA06 candesartan and diuretics	39 096	43 908	48 685	51 649	52 874	51	0	2 441	31 910	18 523	126 712
C09DA07 telmisartan and diuretics	2 415	3 320	3 724	3 991	3 940	41	0	175	2 432	1 333	9 854
C09DA08 olmesartan medoxomil and diuretics	349	813	1 144	1 124	1 146	50	0	58	721	367	2 381
C09DB Angiotensin II antagonists and calcium channel blockers	1 356	5 351	11 764	16 484	18 664	41	0	1 241	11 907	5 516	46 707
C09DB01 valsartan and amlodipine	1 356	5 351	11 764	16 483	18 493	41	0	1 223	11 793	5 477	46 443
C09DB02 olmesartan medoxomil and amlodipine	0	0	0	<5	185	44	0	18	125	42	264
C09DX Angiotensin II antagonists, other combinations	0	0	0	4 017	8 368	39	0	572	5 379	2 417	23 180
C09DX01 valsartan, amlodipine and hydrochlorothiazide	0	0	0	4 017	8 368	39	0	572	5 379	2 417	23 180
C09X OTHER AGENTS ACTING ON THE RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM	0	47	93	93	84	33	0	6	55	23	240
C09XA Renin-inhibitors	0	47	93	93	84	33	0	6	55	23	240
C09XA02 aliskiren	0	47	93	92	84	33	0	6	55	23	240
C09XA52 aliskiren and hydrochlorothiazide	0	0	0	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
C10 LIPID MODIFYING AGENTS	398 211	426 023	452 790	478 362	495 438	47	95	21 654	274 248	199 441	497 192

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ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
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	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
C10A LIPID MODIFYING AGENTS, PLAIN	397 850	425 411	452 090	477 639	494 324	47	94	21 613	273 531	199 086	491 059
C10AA HMG CoA reductase inhibitors	395 295	421 813	447 810	472 860	488 693	47	84	20 886	270 299	197 424	398 319
C10AA01 simvastatin	321 003	348 045	356 768	349 782	336 472	47	24	12 288	177 016	147 144	223 246
C10AA02 lovastatin	1 884	1 715	1 424	1 260	1 134	57	0	17	460	657	1 827
C10AA03 pravastatin	24 230	23 056	22 329	21 340	20 826	49	7	475	10 088	10 256	24 789
C10AA04 fluvastatin	7 097	7 268	7 465	7 510	7 474	47	0	570	4 321	2 583	12 423
C10AA05 atorvastatin	85 847	59 209	79 686	112 783	140 846	45	52	8 106	89 715	42 973	122 816
C10AA07 rosuvastatin	234	355	571	2 115	4 420	47	<5	556	3 050	812	13 219
C10AB Fibrates	320	328	317	331	317	31	0	64	227	26	1 783
C10AB02 bezafibrate	76	70	64	58	49	39	0	<5	41	<5	184
C10AB04 gemfibrozil	102	105	101	104	103	27	0	22	68	13	1 009
C10AB05 fenofibrate	143	156	154	170	167	31	0	40	118	9	590
C10AC Bile acid sequestrants	2 087	2 134	2 090	2 238	2 412	55	9	497	1 322	584	7 433
C10AC01 colestyramine	1 486	1 563	1 566	1 686	1 816	59	8	437	936	435	2 396
C10AC02 colestipol	430	384	308	292	273	42	<5	16	151	105	759
C10AC04 colesevelam	184	204	237	280	351	45	0	48	259	44	4 278
C10AD Nicotinic acid and derivatives	231	234	285	396	391	22	0	51	305	35	1 240
C10AD02 nicotinic acid	212	216	218	153	107	24	0	15	83	9	376
C10AD06 acipimox	19	20	11	12	9	22	0	0	8	<5	56
C10AD52 nicotinic acid, combinations	0	0	69	249	301	22	0	40	232	29	807
C10AX Other lipid modifying agents	7 997	12 591	14 589	16 505	19 314	43	<5	1 604	13 101	4 606	82 284
C10AX06 omega-3-triglycerides incl. other esters and acids	2 194	2 417	2 754	3 038	3 591	30	<5	539	2 571	480	24 663
C10AX09 ezetimibe	5 967	10 425	12 126	13 819	16 165	46	<5	1 098	10 892	4 173	57 620
C10B LIPID MODIFYING AGENTS, COMBINATIONS	<5	<5	0	81	1 370	43	<5	80	938	351	4 101
C10BA HMG CoA reductase inhibitors in combination with other lipid modifying agents	<5	<5	0	81	1 370	43	<5	80	938	351	4 101
C10BA02 simvastatin and ezetimibe	<5	<5	0	81	1 370	43	<5	80	938	351	4 101

3. 7 ATC group D – Dermatologicals

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
D DERMATOLOGICALS	582 681	589 450	587 812	611 440	624 324	54	79 383	234 254	210 351	100 336	228 140
D01 ANTIFUNGALS FOR DERMATOLOGICAL USE	109 784	113 854	111 682	116 703	120 475	48	11 745	44 614	43 760	20 356	30 032
D01A ANTIFUNGALS FOR TOPICAL USE	95 467	98 958	96 750	101 082	105 074	49	11 552	38 691	36 295	18 536	16 330
D01AA Antibiotics	3 201	3 467	219	54	52	73	<5	29	13	7	11
D01AA01 nystatin	3 201	3 467	219	54	52	73	<5	29	13	7	11
D01AC Imidazole and triazole derivatives	70 653	73 508	74 998	79 238	83 270	49	9 684	29 996	28 213	15 377	10 555
D01AC01 clotrimazole ¹⁾	8 182	8 369	8 811	9 516	8 743	52	1 182	3 016	2 360	2 185	1 349
D01AC02 miconazole ¹⁾	2 082	1 927	1 880	2 121	2 193	45	329	779	724	361	373
D01AC03 econazole ¹⁾	2 230	2 197	2 177	1 119	588	61	24	110	188	266	74
D01AC08 ketoconazole ¹⁾	15 366	15 005	14 992	15 121	16 253	41	1 032	7 300	5 869	2 052	2 661
D01AC20 combinations ¹⁾	46 252	49 639	50 909	55 208	59 462	50	7 496	20 201	20 368	11 397	6 099
D01AC60 bifonazole, combinations	0	<5	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
D01AE Other antifungals for topical use	24 522	24 966	24 330	24 671	24 742	47	2 125	9 777	9 116	3 724	5 764
D01AE02 methyrosaniline ¹⁾	663	716	696	694	751	52	192	162	221	176	81
D01AE14 ciclopirox ¹⁾	52	14	<5	<5	13	69	<5	5	<5	<5	2
D01AE15 terbinafine ¹⁾	17 201	17 148	16 909	17 514	17 801	43	1 693	7 588	5 928	2 592	3 091
D01AE16 amorolfine	6 973	7 481	7 081	6 829	6 518	56	260	2 144	3 100	1 014	2 590
D01B ANTIFUNGALS FOR SYSTEMIC USE	17 544	18 326	18 300	19 232	19 013	40	310	7 469	8 978	2 256	13 702
D01BA Antifungals for systemic use	17 544	18 326	18 300	19 232	19 013	40	310	7 469	8 978	2 256	13 702
D01BA01 griseofulvin	14	16	19	15	19	58	18	0	<5	0	9
D01BA02 terbinafine	17 535	18 314	18 285	19 222	19 002	40	300	7 469	8 977	2 256	13 693
D02 EMOLLIENTS AND PROTECTIVES	1 572	1 750	1 841	2 223	2 338	54	339	745	762	492	783
D02A EMOLLIENTS AND PROTECTIVES	1 572	1 750	1 841	2 223	2 338	54	339	745	762	492	783
D02AB Zinc products¹⁾	8	10	6	10	15	60	<5	5	7	<5	2
D02AE Carbamide products	222	459	670	859	971	55	133	323	284	231	489
D02AE01 carbamide ¹⁾	222	459	670	859	971	55	133	323	284	231	489
D02AF Salicylic acid preparations	1 274	1 197	1 048	1 229	1 206	52	135	381	446	244	188
D02AX Other emollients and protectives	76	93	125	148	168	58	77	42	29	20	104
D03 PREPARATIONS FOR TREATMENT OF WOUNDS AND ULCERS	120	143	91	60	68	40	<5	12	34	20	14
D03A CICATRIZANTS	120	143	91	60	68	40	<5	12	34	20	14

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ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
D03AA Cod-liver oil ointments	38	54	7	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
D03AX Other cicatrizants	82	89	84	60	68	40	<5	12	34	20	14
D03AX03 dexpanthenol	82	89	84	60	68	40	<5	12	34	20	14
D04 ANTIPRURITICS, INCL. ANTIHISTAMINES, ANESTHETICS, ETC.	2 996	3 195	3 676	3 871	4 257	66	551	1 603	1 083	1 020	753
D04A ANTIPRURITICS, INCL. ANTIHISTAMINES, ANESTHETICS, ETC.	2 996	3 195	3 676	3 871	4 257	66	551	1 603	1 083	1 020	753
D04AA Antihistamines for topical use	5	<5	<5	0	<5	100	0	<5	<5	<5	1
D04AA02 mepyramine	0	<5	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
D04AA13 dimetindene	5	<5	<5	0	<5	100	0	<5	<5	<5	1
D04AB Anesthetics for topical use	1 936	2 094	2 637	2 798	3 095	69	301	1 346	848	600	627
D04AB01 lidocaine ¹⁾	1 935	2 094	2 637	2 798	3 095	69	301	1 346	848	600	627
D04AB06 tetracaine ¹⁾	<5	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
D04AX Other antipruritics	1 080	1 119	1 052	1 093	1 169	58	250	256	239	424	124
D05 ANTIPSORIATICS	25 466	26 570	27 497	29 930	31 261	46	523	9 612	16 033	5 093	46 138
D05A ANTIPSORIATICS FOR TOPICAL USE	24 289	25 328	26 165	28 654	29 913	45	515	9 332	15 173	4 893	38 839
D05AA Tars¹⁾	954	1 007	980	1 044	1 016	60	85	339	350	242	253
D05AC Antracen derivatives	109	15	11	9	7	71	<5	<5	<5	<5	3
D05AC01 dithranol	109	15	11	9	7	71	<5	<5	<5	<5	3
D05AD Psoralens for topical use	11	10	6	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
D05AD01 trioxysalen	11	10	6	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
D05AX Other antipsoriatics for topical use	23 431	24 515	25 359	27 804	29 069	45	431	9 051	14 909	4 678	38 583
D05AX02 calcipotriol	11 694	9 932	8 744	8 029	5 639	44	83	1 553	2 970	1 033	3 696
D05AX03 calcitriol	929	1 125	1 084	1 127	1 092	51	25	319	586	162	775
D05AX52 calcipotriol, combinations	15 373	17 660	19 312	22 343	25 230	45	356	8 045	12 894	3 935	34 112
D05B ANTIPSORIATICS FOR SYSTEMIC USE	1 669	1 765	1 886	1 880	1 943	43	9	436	1 218	280	7 299
D05BA Psoralens for systemic use	59	35	34	40	32	53	0	10	17	5	28
D05BA02 methoxsalen	55	29	33	35	29	52	0	10	15	<5	24
D05BA03 bergapten	<5	7	<5	5	<5	67	0	0	<5	<5	4
D05BB Retinoids for treatment of psoriasis	1 603	1 709	1 819	1 808	1 866	43	9	409	1 176	272	5 344
D05BB02 acitretin	1 603	1 709	1 819	1 808	1 866	43	9	409	1 176	272	5 344
D05BX Other antipsoriatics for systemic use	15	25	41	42	50	38	0	19	27	<5	1 928

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ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
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	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70	<15		15-44	45-69	≥70		
D05BX51 fumaric acid derivatives, combinations	15	25	41	42	50	38	0	19	27	<5	1 928
D06 ANTIBIOTICS AND CHEMOTHERAPEUTICS FOR DERMATOLOGICAL USE	110 305	108 179	105 182	111 213	113 785	58	15 110	46 903	34 866	16 906	21 915
D06A ANTIBIOTICS FOR TOPICAL USE	55 472	57 269	54 026	58 829	60 985	55	12 871	19 150	18 351	10 613	5 428
D06AA Tetracycline and derivatives	3 004	2 844	2 682	2 729	2 876	56	411	834	1 052	579	359
D06AA02 chlortetracycline	26	16	23	19	28	36	0	8	13	7	8
D06AA03 oxytetracycline	2 978	2 828	2 659	2 710	2 848	56	411	826	1 039	572	352
D06AX Other antibiotics for topical use	52 622	54 594	51 499	56 239	58 278	55	12 488	18 372	17 350	10 068	5 069
D06AX01 fusidic acid	50 936	52 409	49 106	53 684	55 118	56	11 313	17 435	16 762	9 608	4 567
D06AX05 bacitracin	1 819	1 972	1 802	1 739	2 376	51	780	722	464	410	333
D06AX07 gentamicin	<5	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
D06AX09 mupirocin	8	19	17	14	31	42	6	10	9	6	6
D06AX13 retapamulin	7	374	746	1 008	1 005	56	463	290	172	80	163
D06B CHEMOTHERAPEUTICS FOR TOPICAL USE	56 907	52 801	53 024	54 414	54 921	61	2 394	28 622	17 206	6 699	16 486
D06BA Sulfonamides	3 472	3 491	3 202	3 373	3 408	54	597	1 175	1 036	600	598
D06BA01 silver sulfadiazine	3 472	3 491	3 202	3 373	3 408	54	597	1 175	1 036	600	598
D06BB Antivirals	46 096	41 381	41 307	41 885	40 796	60	1 656	23 615	11 070	4 455	14 124
D06BB03 aciclovir ¹⁾	24 069	20 673	20 098	19 696	18 262	71	1 158	8 782	6 640	1 682	2 801
D06BB04 podophyllotoxin	12 249	13 170	13 402	13 567	13 735	47	148	12 313	1 206	68	2 976
D06BB06 penciclovir ¹⁾	8 457	5 031	4 000	3 349	2 737	70	112	1 179	1 132	314	586
D06BB10 imiquimod	2 226	3 407	4 705	6 196	7 039	54	244	2 146	2 217	2 432	7 760
D06BB11 docosanol	0	6	<5	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
D06BX Other chemotherapeutics	7 572	8 151	8 721	9 426	11 015	68	144	3 960	5 208	1 703	1 765
D06BX01 metronidazole	7 572	8 151	8 721	9 426	11 015	68	144	3 960	5 208	1 703	1 765
D07 CORTICOSTEROIDS, DERMATOLOGICAL PREPARATIONS	345 383	349 460	347 215	359 113	361 112	54	51 891	110 500	130 649	68 072	82 815
D07A CORTICOSTEROIDS, PLAIN	275 450	285 574	286 433	299 004	300 571	55	44 822	91 680	107 528	56 541	62 459
D07AA Corticosteroids, weak (group I)	27 000	27 439	26 763	28 352	28 846	56	13 023	7 421	5 096	3 306	3 435
D07AA02 hydrocortisone ¹⁾	27 000	27 439	26 763	28 352	28 846	56	13 023	7 421	5 096	3 306	3 435
D07AB Corticosteroids, moderately potent (group II)	91 249	95 779	96 512	102 087	102 519	55	23 267	30 417	30 986	17 849	14 061
D07AB02 hydrocortisone butyrate	62 168	64 610	64 889	67 907	70 549	55	16 851	21 022	20 521	12 155	9 806
D07AB08 desonide	30 353	32 620	33 079	35 702	33 948	55	7 003	9 921	10 961	6 063	4 255

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	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
D07AC Corticosteroids, potent (group III)	151 115	154 910	153 609	158 099	157 062	54	16 105	50 634	58 779	31 544	33 440
D07AC01 betamethasone	50 713	52 701	50 086	52 441	54 059	54	3 314	17 540	21 755	11 450	7 514
D07AC03 desoximetasone	13 759	13 814	13 853	13 701	12 997	53	498	3 646	5 656	3 197	4 893
D07AC04 flucinolone acetoneide	7 294	7 162	6 572	6 500	6 007	54	193	1 209	2 814	1 791	1 083
D07AC08 fluocinonide	991	872	792	724	670	53	7	139	326	198	114
D07AC13 mometasone	69 044	71 674	74 342	78 920	78 512	54	10 647	26 234	27 064	14 567	16 496
D07AC17 fluticasone	16 868	16 949	15 468	13 078	11 890	55	2 036	4 107	3 686	2 061	3 340
D07AD Corticosteroids, very potent (group IV)	45 615	48 233	49 945	52 825	54 566	57	1 606	16 595	25 890	10 475	11 522
D07AD01 clobetasol	45 615	48 233	49 945	52 825	54 566	57	1 606	16 595	25 890	10 475	11 522
D07B CORTICOSTEROIDS, COMBINATIONS WITH ANTISEPTICS	48 610	41 193	37 064	36 056	37 817	49	5 364	11 187	13 728	7 538	4 917
D07BB Corticosteroids, moderately potent, combinations with antiseptics	28 430	29 399	17 785	15 445	15 216	50	3 241	4 081	5 014	2 880	2 481
D07BB02 desonide and antiseptics	14 113	13 954	17 619	15 445	15 215	50	3 240	4 081	5 014	2 880	2 481
D07BB03 triamcinolone and antiseptics	351	<5	0	0	<5	100	<5	0	0	0	0
D07BB04 hydrocortisone butyrate and antiseptics	14 438	15 968	193	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
D07BC Corticosteroids, potent, combinations with antiseptics	21 617	13 184	20 114	21 373	23 504	49	2 365	7 355	8 962	4 822	2 436
D07BC01 betamethasone and antiseptics	18 726	9 686	17 301	18 864	21 240	49	2 197	6 723	7 959	4 361	2 214
D07BC02 flucinolone acetoneide and antiseptics	3 218	3 872	2 918	2 601	2 357	48	173	658	1 047	479	222
D07C CORTICOSTEROIDS, COMBINATIONS WITH ANTIBIOTICS	23 925	26 606	26 357	26 769	26 142	54	5 433	7 782	8 421	4 506	3 220
D07CA Corticosteroids, weak, combinations with antibiotics	23 925	25 877	26 351	26 768	26 142	54	5 433	7 782	8 421	4 506	3 220
D07CA01 hydrocortisone and antibiotics	23 925	25 877	26 351	26 768	26 142	54	5 433	7 782	8 421	4 506	3 220
D07CC Corticosteroids, potent, combinations with antibiotics	0	768	6	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
D07CC01 betamethasone and antibiotics	0	768	6	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
D07X CORTICOSTEROIDS, OTHER COMBINATIONS	30 467	27 135	26 626	26 439	25 907	49	823	8 623	11 516	4 945	12 219
D07XA Corticosteroids, weak, other combinations	<5	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0

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	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
D07XA01 hydrocortisone	<5	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
D07XB Corticosteroids, moderately potent, other combinations	3 998	556	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
D07XB02 triamcinolone	3 998	556	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
D07XC Corticosteroids, potent, other combinations	26 629	26 672	26 626	26 439	25 907	49	823	8 623	11 516	4 945	12 219
D07XC01 betamethasone	26 629	26 672	26 626	26 439	25 907	49	823	8 623	11 516	4 945	12 219
D08 ANTISEPTICS AND DISINFECTANTS	17 778	18 291	18 621	19 280	19 080	60	2 730	7 887	6 348	2 115	2 565
D08A ANTISEPTICS AND DISINFECTANTS1)	17 778	18 291	18 621	19 280	19 080	60	2 730	7 887	6 348	2 115	2 565
D08AB Aluminium agents	266	265	285	278	338	49	129	82	79	48	58
D08AC Biguanides and amidines	13 937	14 689	15 171	15 910	15 682	62	1 762	6 925	5 480	1 515	1 993
D08AC01 dibrompropamide ¹⁾	5 256	5 342	5 115	5 282	3 801	52	1 182	1 192	770	657	431
D08AC02 chlorhexidine ¹⁾	8 934	9 595	10 315	10 883	12 089	65	659	5 810	4 738	882	1 562
D08AG Iodine products	56	53	54	74	62	52	7	13	22	20	12
D08AG01 iodine/octylphenoxypolyglycolethe ¹⁾	12	15	5	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
D08AG02 povidone-iodine	<5	0	20	31	26	62	0	<5	12	10	7
D08AG03 iodine ¹⁾	44	38	29	42	36	44	7	9	10	10	5
D08AJ Quaternary ammonium compounds	136	147	135	151	173	54	24	35	52	62	88
D08AJ03 cetylpyridinium ¹⁾	136	147	135	151	173	54	24	35	52	62	88
D08AL Silver compounds	0	0	0	<5	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0
D08AL01 silver nitrate	0	0	0	<5	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0
D08AX Other antiseptics and disinfectants	3 564	3 292	3 131	3 022	2 969	52	855	866	747	501	414
D08AX01 hydrogen peroxide ¹⁾	2 462	2 223	2 059	1 829	1 739	54	529	522	408	280	196
D08AX06 potassium permanganate ¹⁾	1 123	1 090	1 095	1 207	1 240	50	328	345	346	221	218
D09 MEDICATED DRESSINGS	2 203	2 077	1 937	1 913	1 848	55	149	401	568	730	250
D09A MEDICATED DRESSINGS	2 203	2 077	1 937	1 913	1 848	55	149	401	568	730	250
D09AA Medicated dressings with antiinfectives	2 203	2 077	1 937	1 913	1 848	55	149	401	568	730	250
D09AA02 fusidic acid	2 203	2 077	1 937	1 913	1 848	55	149	401	568	730	250
D10 ANTI-ACNE PREPARATIONS	47 760	48 261	51 472	54 317	60 873	64	3 867	44 767	9 818	2 421	29 436
D10A ANTI-ACNE PREPARATIONS FOR TOPICAL USE	45 425	45 378	47 904	50 390	56 360	65	3 789	40 542	9 616	2 413	15 962
D10AD Retinoids for topical use in acne	21 386	21 578	24 388	27 056	32 167	65	2 422	24 351	4 065	1 329	9 356
D10AD01 tretinoin	9 767	9 451	9 888	10 547	10 219	77	432	5 506	3 146	1 135	1 027

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	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
D10AD02 retinol	44	97	117	170	176	64	14	43	105	14	55
D10AD03 adapalene	12 028	10 560	8 449	7 113	6 597	63	555	5 402	480	160	1 469
D10AD53 adapalene, combinations	0	2 247	7 081	10 280	16 388	59	1 538	14 440	383	27	6 804
D10AE Peroxides	2 359	2 001	2 245	2 267	2 351	53	278	1 976	85	12	419
D10AE01 benzoyl peroxide ¹⁾	2 359	2 001	2 245	2 267	2 351	53	278	1 976	85	12	419
D10AF Antiinfectives for treatment of acne	17 353	16 763	16 046	16 076	16 709	64	1 261	12 597	2 477	374	3 381
D10AF01 clindamycin	17 305	16 729	16 009	16 054	16 672	64	1 257	12 566	2 475	374	3 364
D10AF02 erythromycin	54	39	41	24	38	63	5	31	<5	0	17
D10AX Other anti-acne preparations for topical use	13 442	13 521	13 292	13 285	13 811	68	685	9 013	3 379	734	2 806
D10AX03 azelaic acid	13 428	13 516	13 286	13 276	13 806	68	685	9 010	3 378	733	2 806
D10AX30 various combinations	14	7	7	11	5	100	0	<5	<5	<5	1
D10B ANTI-ACNE PREPARATIONS FOR SYSTEMIC USE	3 424	4 227	5 153	5 748	6 609	44	173	6 172	253	11	13 474
D10BA Retinoids for treatment of acne	3 424	4 227	5 153	5 748	6 609	44	173	6 172	253	11	13 474
D10BA01 isotretinoin	3 424	4 227	5 153	5 748	6 609	44	173	6 172	253	11	13 474
D11 OTHER DERMATOLOGICAL PREPARATIONS	13 633	14 730	15 690	16 780	18 055	55	2 911	8 102	5 124	1 918	12 906
D11A OTHER DERMATOLOGICAL PREPARATIONS	13 633	14 730	15 690	16 780	18 055	55	2 911	8 102	5 124	1 918	12 906
D11AC Medicated shampoos	1 017	1 027	974	1 059	1 205	52	100	749	280	76	149
D11AC03 selenium compounds ¹⁾	1 017	1 027	974	1 059	1 205	52	100	749	280	76	149
D11AF Wart and anti-corn preparations¹⁾	1 415	1 375	1 498	1 926	2 066	51	907	781	274	104	293
D11AH Agents for atopic dermatitis, excluding corticosteroids	8 117	9 500	10 323	10 818	12 172	57	1 902	5 499	3 789	982	7 900
D11AH01 tacrolimus	4 344	6 175	6 804	7 498	8 318	56	1 276	3 789	2 577	676	4 691
D11AH02 pimecrolimus	3 907	3 511	3 712	3 534	3 993	58	661	1 780	1 236	316	1 908
D11AH04 alitretinoin	0	0	0	0	80	51	0	28	48	<5	1 302
D11AX Other dermatologicals	3 116	2 868	2 940	3 036	2 677	51	11	1 108	794	764	4 564
D11AX01 minoxidil	172	192	175	202	161	60	<5	92	51	16	115
D11AX10 finasteride	766	815	797	742	673	0	0	544	126	<5	3 231
D11AX16 eflornithine	0	0	0	<5	126	98	<5	73	43	8	88
D11AX18 diclofenac	2 070	1 697	1 702	1 604	1 132	52	<5	17	405	709	925

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3.8 ATC group G – Genito urinary system and sex hormones

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
G GENITO URINARY SYSTEM AND SEX HORMONES	678 886	692 715	703 423	721 846	745 296	82	3 276	415 107	230 716	96 197	842 612
G01 GYNECOLOGICAL ANTIINFECTIVES AND ANTISEPTICS	30 233	30 558	30 699	32 068	33 025	99	121	23 875	7 482	1 547	7 153
G01A ANTIINFECTIVES AND ANTISEPTICS, EXCL. COMBINATIONS WITH CORTICOSTEROIDS	30 233	30 558	30 699	32 068	33 025	99	121	23 875	7 482	1 547	7 153
G01AA Antibiotics	14 367	14 416	15 244	20 707	20 470	100	48	14 849	4 885	688	4 878
G01AA10 clindamycin	14 367	14 416	15 244	20 707	20 470	100	48	14 849	4 885	688	4 878
G01AF Imidazole derivatives	17 083	17 328	16 777	12 788	13 891	99	74	10 057	2 861	899	2 270
G01AF01 metronidazole	9 944	10 346	9 685	5 467	6 545	100	10	4 860	1 483	192	843
G01AF02 clotrimazole ¹⁾	5 254	5 028	5 326	5 614	5 945	99	40	4 205	1 116	584	1 123
G01AF04 miconazole ¹⁾	790	960	768	634	64	98	<5	44	14	5	10
G01AF05 econazole ¹⁾	1 490	1 407	1 324	1 335	1 621	96	23	1 170	296	132	294
G01AX Other antiinfectives and antiseptics	12	18	6	<5	5	40	0	<5	<5	<5	6
G01AX03 policresulen	12	18	6	<5	5	40	0	<5	<5	<5	6
G02 OTHER GYNECOLOGICALS	41 330	42 936	44 047	45 250	46 734	99	6	41 227	5 342	159	47 654
G02A OXYTOCICS	31	26	12	15	11	100	0	10	<5	0	2
G02AB Ergot alkaloids	31	26	12	15	11	100	0	10	<5	0	2
G02AB01 methylergometrine	31	26	12	15	11	100	0	10	<5	0	2
G02B CONTRACEPTIVES FOR TOPICAL USE	39 043	40 634	41 674	42 960	44 408	100	6	39 771	4 627	<5	44 571
G02BA Intrauterine contraceptives	24 831	24 795	24 803	24 858	25 070	100	<5	20 858	4 209	<5	28 470
G02BA03 plastic IUD with progestogen	24 831	24 795	24 803	24 858	25 070	100	<5	20 858	4 209	<5	28 470
G02BB Intravaginal contraceptives	14 337	16 010	17 064	18 263	19 549	100	5	19 117	425	<5	16 100
G02BB01 vaginal ring with progestogen and estrogen	14 337	16 010	17 064	18 263	19 549	100	5	19 117	425	<5	16 100
G02C OTHER GYNECOLOGICALS	2 342	2 381	2 458	2 367	2 413	80	0	1 542	716	155	3 082
G02CB Prolactine inhibitors	2 342	2 381	2 458	2 367	2 413	80	0	1 542	716	155	3 082
G02CB01 bromocriptine	1 260	1 247	1 312	1 226	1 247	91	0	944	245	58	784
G02CB03 cabergoline	915	987	943	921	948	66	0	500	366	82	1 328
G02CB04 quinagolide	214	189	302	284	260	77	0	128	114	18	970
G03 SEX HORMONES AND MODULATORS OF THE GENITAL SYSTEM	510 107	512 608	515 229	525 683	538 119	99	2 513	357 132	140 897	37 577	399 219
G03A HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVES FOR SYSTEMIC USE	301 407	304 423	307 262	315 379	321 829	100	1 180	308 874	11 752	23	172 687
G03AA Progestogens and estrogens, fixed combinations	211 548	212 576	214 962	221 431	225 436	100	987	220 169	4 268	12	127 727

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ATC group G

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
G03AA07 levonorgestrel and estrogen	83 628	88 668	87 148	90 257	97 285	100	491	95 015	1 772	7	46 005
G03AA09 desogestrel and estrogen	40 384	48 476	55 278	61 035	63 096	100	353	61 727	1 015	<5	22 030
G03AA12 drospirenone and estrogen	97 495	79 229	74 740	72 600	68 099	100	189	66 575	1 332	<5	53 232
G03AA13 norelgestromin and estrogen	9 019	9 016	8 924	8 982	9 054	100	17	8 830	206	<5	6 460
G03AB Progestogens and estrogens, sequential preparations	29 232	22 034	18 862	17 640	16 197	100	35	15 460	701	<5	5 956
G03AB03 levonorgestrel and estrogen	5 340	<5	<5	0	<5	100	0	0	<5	0	0
G03AB04 norethisterone and estrogen	24 611	22 031	18 546	16 059	14 343	100	34	13 683	625	<5	4 363
G03AB08 dienogest and estrogen	0	0	326	1 624	1 895	100	<5	1 817	76	0	1 593
G03AC Progestogens	85 546	87 693	89 490	92 562	96 454	100	200	89 276	6 968	10	38 965
G03AC01 norethisterone	10 481	9 195	8 182	7 402	6 656	100	11	5 738	907	0	1 516
G03AC03 levonorgestrel	265	193	141	115	<5	100	0	<5	0	0	3
G03AC06 medroxyprogesterone	22 512	21 186	19 971	19 607	19 337	100	39	16 114	3 177	7	4 611
G03AC08 etonogestrel	2 600	2 683	2 807	3 298	4 146	100	14	4 018	114	0	5 171
G03AC09 desogestrel	51 995	56 589	60 277	64 136	68 328	100	142	65 356	2 827	<5	27 665
G03AD Emergency contraceptives	143	119	100	159	165	95	<5	155	6	0	38
G03AD01 levonorgestrel ¹⁾	143	119	99	79	87	93	<5	80	<5	0	17
G03AD02 ulipristal	0	0	<5	80	78	97	<5	75	<5	0	21
G03B ANDROGENS	4 291	4 801	5 234	5 552	6 300	7	56	1 846	3 598	800	21 243
G03BA 3-oxoandrogen (4) derivatives	4 291	4 801	5 231	5 550	6 282	7	56	1 828	3 598	800	21 194
G03BA03 testosterone	4 291	4 801	5 231	5 550	6 282	7	56	1 828	3 598	800	21 194
G03BB 5-androstanon (3) derivatives	0	0	<5	<5	22	0	0	20	<5	0	49
G03BB01 mesterolone	0	0	<5	<5	22	0	0	20	<5	0	49
G03C ESTROGENS	105 541	109 009	112 831	116 574	121 763	100	160	5 290	83 086	33 227	75 129
G03CA Natural and semisynthetic estrogens, plain	95 288	99 840	104 463	108 549	114 339	100	160	5 099	76 515	32 565	64 448
G03CA01 ethinylestradiol	159	146	140	127	112	88	55	44	12	<5	579
G03CA03 estradiol	76 472	83 236	89 792	95 212	102 302	100	20	4 791	73 297	24 194	57 894
G03CA04 estriol ¹⁾	20 430	18 208	16 213	14 807	13 567	100	85	303	3 968	9 211	5 974
G03CA53 estradiol, combinations	0	0	<5	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
G03CA57 conjugated estrogens	<5	5	<5	<5	<5	100	0	0	<5	<5	1
G03CX Other estrogens	11 193	10 007	9 183	8 841	8 224	100	0	224	7 270	730	10 681
G03CX01 tibolone	11 193	10 007	9 183	8 841	8 224	100	0	224	7 270	730	10 681
G03D PROGESTOGENS	39 348	40 529	37 790	38 788	39 081	100	1 138	28 677	9 126	140	17 154
G03DA Pregnen (4) derivatives	12 456	13 004	13 106	12 990	13 131	100	49	9 760	3 198	124	14 859
G03DA02 medroxyprogesterone	7 338	7 504	7 215	6 869	6 813	100	49	3 616	3 028	120	1 275

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ATC group G

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
G03DA04 progesterone	5 202	5 588	5 987	6 240	6 465	100	0	6 288	173	<5	13 584
G03DB Pregnenolone derivatives	0	0	0	0	12	100	0	10	<5	0	12
G03DB08 dienogest	0	0	0	0	12	100	0	10	<5	0	12
G03DC Estren derivatives	27 603	28 284	25 413	26 536	26 699	100	1 092	19 513	6 077	17	2 283
G03DC02 norethisterone	27 603	28 284	25 413	26 536	26 699	100	1 092	19 513	6 077	17	2 283
G03F PROGESTOGENS AND ESTROGENS IN COMBINATION	50 987	47 395	45 758	44 082	43 370	100	<5	2 533	37 674	3 160	32 532
G03FA Progestogens and estrogens, fixed combinations	40 064	37 409	36 195	35 051	34 457	100	0	812	30 643	3 002	26 458
G03FA01 norethisterone and estrogen	39 329	36 729	35 628	34 521	33 824	100	0	782	30 067	2 975	25 687
G03FA12 medroxyprogesterone and estrogen	500	474	527	715	764	100	0	40	692	32	771
G03FA15 dienogest and estrogen	314	280	233	<5	<5	100	0	0	<5	0	0
G03FB Progestogens and estrogens, sequential preparations	12 441	11 369	10 851	10 322	10 082	100	<5	1 813	8 095	171	6 074
G03FB01 norgestrel and estrogen	5	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
G03FB05 norethisterone and estrogen	12 437	11 369	10 851	10 322	10 082	100	<5	1 813	8 095	171	6 074
G03G GONADOTROPINS AND OTHER OVULATION STIMULANTS	10 113	10 938	11 093	10 343	10 634	95	<5	10 395	234	<5	70 288
G03GA Gonadotropins	5 552	5 884	6 013	6 137	6 273	98	<5	6 187	83	<5	68 559
G03GA01 chorionic gonadotrophin	1 391	1 667	1 277	1 476	1 660	92	<5	1 634	24	<5	701
G03GA02 human menopausal gonadotrophin	1 092	1 405	1 601	1 540	1 842	100	0	1 824	18	0	14 635
G03GA04 urofollitropin	0	0	0	85	154	100	0	151	<5	0	1 349
G03GA05 follitropin alfa	1 624	1 631	1 770	1 743	1 799	99	0	1 772	27	0	20 325
G03GA06 follitropin beta	2 878	3 052	2 916	3 016	2 824	100	0	2 795	28	<5	26 570
G03GA07 lutropin alfa	82	62	65	26	21	100	0	21	0	0	56
G03GA08 choriogonadotropin alfa	4 040	4 179	4 556	4 538	4 600	100	0	4 548	51	<5	2 475
G03GA09 corifollitropin alfa	0	0	0	132	316	100	0	315	<5	0	2 340
G03GA30 combinations	0	<5	8	<5	<5	100	0	<5	0	0	108
G03GB Ovulation stimulants, synthetic	5 846	6 453	6 483	5 387	5 645	92	0	5 468	175	<5	1 729
G03GB02 clomifene	5 846	6 453	6 483	5 387	5 645	92	0	5 468	175	<5	1 729
G03H ANTIANDROGENS	19 573	16 971	16 171	16 764	17 325	99	97	16 732	378	118	7 221
G03HA Antiandrogens, plain	232	189	181	205	199	4	0	26	57	116	524
G03HA01 cyproterone	232	189	181	205	199	4	0	26	57	116	524
G03HB Antiandrogens and estrogens	19 346	16 792	15 999	16 565	17 129	100	97	16 709	321	<5	6 697

ATC group G

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
G03HB01 cyproterone and estrogen	19 346	16 792	15 999	16 565	17 129	100	97	16 709	321	<5	6 697
G03X OTHER SEX HORMONES AND MODULATORS OF THE GENITAL SYSTEM	1 720	1 507	1 298	1 142	979	96	0	17	361	601	2 965
G03XA Antigonadotropins and similar agents	52	51	50	49	50	34	0	14	27	9	187
G03XA01 danazol	52	51	50	49	50	34	0	14	27	9	187
G03XB Antiprogestogens	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	100	0	<5	0	0	1
G03XB01 mifepristone	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	100	0	<5	0	0	1
G03XC Selective estrogen receptor modulators	1 666	1 452	1 248	1 092	927	100	0	<5	334	592	2 777
G03XC01 raloxifene	1 666	1 452	1 248	1 092	927	100	0	<5	334	592	2 777
G04 UROLOGICALS	131 461	141 633	148 765	156 067	166 507	21	653	16 015	87 396	62 443	388 586
G04B OTHER UROLOGICALS, INCL. ANTISPASMODICS	100 716	106 579	109 819	113 502	119 115	29	651	14 009	68 487	35 968	324 268
G04BA Acidifiers	<5	<5	<5	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
G04BA01 ammonium chloride	<5	<5	<5	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
G04BD Urinary antispasmodics	40 928	42 828	44 578	46 177	49 165	69	641	3 820	21 492	23 212	159 279
G04BD04 oxybutynin	2 054	1 690	1 480	1 504	1 516	69	162	280	593	481	9 101
G04BD07 tolterodine	23 747	21 577	18 355	15 679	14 237	71	426	834	5 467	7 510	47 135
G04BD08 solifenacin	13 975	15 757	17 349	19 877	21 933	68	70	1 821	10 086	9 956	64 279
G04BD10 darifenacin	4 336	5 430	5 630	5 126	4 566	72	<5	274	2 027	2 264	13 058
G04BD11 fesoterodine	0	1 818	5 380	7 639	10 610	67	13	911	4 977	4 709	25 705
G04BE Drugs used in erectile dysfunction	61 012	65 120	66 640	68 779	71 511	0	10	10 278	47 947	13 276	164 965
G04BE01 alprostadil	2 039	2 335	2 180	2 543	2 525	0	0	119	1 694	712	4 316
G04BE03 sildenafil	33 267	34 776	34 734	34 385	34 575	1	10	4 804	22 474	7 287	73 872
G04BE04 yohimbine	20	13	19	15	10	0	0	<5	7	<5	8
G04BE07 apomorphine	6	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
G04BE08 tadalafil	21 276	23 981	26 821	29 887	32 991	0	0	5 244	22 847	4 900	69 974
G04BE09 vardenafil	11 625	11 561	10 376	9 934	9 427	0	0	1 213	6 536	1 678	15 574
G04BE30 combinations	599	537	616	495	539	0	0	28	382	129	1 219
G04BX Other urologicals	10	10	10	11	11	45	0	7	<5	0	25
G04BX01 magnesium hydroxide	10	10	10	11	11	45	0	7	<5	0	25
G04C DRUGS USED IN BENIGN PROSTATIC HYPERTROPHY	35 865	41 018	45 440	49 918	55 531	1	<5	2 201	22 900	30 428	64 317
G04CA Alpha-adrenoreceptor antagonists	27 133	31 502	34 945	38 363	43 210	1	<5	1 182	19 320	22 706	41 005
G04CA01 alfuzosin	937	777	536	498	451	2	0	16	195	240	686
G04CA02 tamsulosin	25 399	30 169	33 877	37 383	41 362	1	<5	1 104	18 493	21 764	37 810

ATC group G

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
G04CA03 terazosin	987	898	744	649	598	1	<5	71	242	284	553
G04CA52 tamsulosin and dutasteride	0	0	0	<5	1 628	0	0	0	790	838	1 956
G04CB Testosterone-5-alpha reductase inhibitors	11 657	13 253	14 939	16 984	18 676	0	0	1 025	6 008	11 643	23 312
G04CB01 finasteride	5 804	10 194	12 852	15 194	17 122	0	0	991	5 578	10 553	18 574
G04CB02 dutasteride	5 943	4 054	2 331	1 939	1 661	0	0	39	464	1 158	4 738

3.9 ATC group H – Systemic hormonal preparations, excl. sex hormones and insulins

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15–44	45–69	≥70							
H SYSTEMIC HORMONAL PREPARATIONS, EXCL. SEX HORMONES AND INSULINS	342 524	357 070	375 464	387 820	402 895	67	16 472	108 182	172 886	105 355	418 533
H01 PITUITARY AND HYPOTHALAMIC HORMONES AND ANALOGUES	23 659	24 310	24 490	24 831	24 913	66	9 433	12 736	1 703	1 041	285 161
H01A ANTERIOR PITUITARY LOBE HORMONES AND ANALOGUES	1 441	1 485	1 577	1 656	1 760	43	960	490	290	20	156 814
H01AA ACTH	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	0
H01AA02 tetracosactide	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	0
H01AC Somatropin and somatropin agonists	1 429	1 470	1 555	1 631	1 735	43	960	481	274	20	148 170
H01AC01 somatropin	1 429	1 470	1 555	1 631	1 735	43	960	481	274	20	148 170
H01AX Other anterior pituitary lobe hormones and analogues	10	13	21	24	24	46	0	9	15	0	8 645
H01AX01 pegvisomant	10	13	21	24	24	46	0	9	15	0	8 645
H01B POSTERIOR PITUITARY LOBE HORMONES	18 541	18 859	18 807	18 982	19 165	62	8 513	8 764	1 086	802	36 990
H01BA Vasopressin and analogues	11 706	11 623	11 288	11 248	11 386	36	8 455	1 072	1 057	802	35 535
H01BA02 desmopressin	11 706	11 623	11 288	11 248	11 385	36	8 455	1 072	1 056	802	35 469
H01BA04 terlipressin	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	66
H01BB Oxytocin and analogues	6 837	7 237	7 522	7 736	7 781	99	58	7 694	29	0	1 455
H01BB02 oxytocin	6 837	7 237	7 522	7 736	7 781	99	58	7 694	29	0	1 455
H01C HYPOTHALAMIC HORMONES	3 847	4 147	4 315	4 430	4 230	92	6	3 605	395	224	91 357
H01CA Gonadotropin-releasing hormones	3 021	3 101	2 829	2 314	2 088	99	0	2 054	25	9	5 220
H01CA02 nafarelin	3 021	3 101	2 829	2 314	2 076	100	0	2 054	22	0	5 082
H01CA03 histrelin	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	<5	9	138
H01CB Antigrowth hormones	460	494	498	593	630	49	6	59	350	215	80 835
H01CB02 octreotide	385	406	398	472	497	51	6	48	285	158	62 335
H01CB03 lanreotide	89	118	118	137	148	45	0	11	75	62	18 501
H01CC Anti-gonadotropin-releasing hormones	459	675	1 246	1 887	1 774	100	0	1 752	22	0	5 302
H01CC01 ganirelix	351	555	975	1 513	1 397	100	0	1 378	19	0	4 109
H01CC02 cetrotorelix	120	149	298	481	413	100	0	406	7	0	1 193
H02 CORTICOSTEROIDS FOR SYSTEMIC USE	169 704	177 573	190 387	197 258	208 059	56	4 887	62 025	85 773	55 374	50 295
H02A CORTICOSTEROIDS FOR SYSTEMIC USE, PLAIN	169 577	177 454	190 243	197 074	207 823	56	4 886	61 976	85 630	55 331	50 215
H02AA Mineralocorticoids	1 145	1 160	1 178	1 223	1 267	56	87	392	565	223	343

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
H02AA02 fludrocortisone	1 145	1 160	1 178	1 223	1 267	56	87	392	565	223	343
H02AB Glucocorticoids	169 433	177 308	190 109	196 939	207 680	56	4 879	61 945	85 581	55 275	49 872
H02AB01 betamethasone	1 907	1 736	1 700	1 637	1 528	45	746	272	386	124	476
H02AB02 dexamethasone	1 799	1 931	2 118	2 552	2 786	49	80	291	1 542	873	2 865
H02AB04 methylprednisolone	9 582	10 159	10 745	10 812	11 018	53	67	2 931	5 559	2 461	4 085
H02AB06 prednisolone	129 018	136 459	143 523	152 239	159 500	58	3 180	37 151	68 237	50 932	30 383
H02AB07 prednisone	<5	<5	<5	82	246	76	<5	34	136	75	437
H02AB08 triamcinolone	29 129	29 048	34 538	32 179	35 707	49	684	22 005	11 253	1 765	4 657
H02AB09 hydrocortisone	429	422	437	481	548	68	45	210	255	38	1 099
H02AB10 cortisone	2 453	2 510	2 593	2 662	2 749	52	138	711	1 342	558	5 751
H02AB13 deflazacort	18	17	18	17	25	52	11	<5	9	<5	118
H02B CORTICOSTEROIDS FOR SYSTEMIC USE, COMBINATIONS	359	340	332	372	415	63	<5	70	239	105	80
H02BX Corticosteroids for systemic use, combinations	359	340	332	372	415	63	<5	70	239	105	80
H02BX01 methylprednisolone, combinations	359	340	332	372	415	63	<5	70	239	105	80
H03 THYROID THERAPY	160 934	167 746	174 354	180 847	185 862	82	1 361	34 773	93 436	56 292	58 740
H03A THYROID PREPARATIONS	157 372	164 071	170 772	177 261	182 145	82	1 345	33 764	91 782	55 254	55 843
H03AA Thyroid hormones	157 372	164 071	170 772	177 261	182 145	82	1 345	33 764	91 782	55 254	55 843
H03AA01 levothyroxine sodium	157 115	163 750	170 484	176 910	181 635	82	1 340	33 567	91 514	55 214	51 595
H03AA02 liothyronine sodium	3 867	3 986	4 095	4 142	4 538	90	19	1 480	2 694	345	3 290
H03AA03 combinations of levothyroxine and liothyronine	295	404	429	328	549	90	<5	213	314	20	614
H03AA05 thyroid gland preparations	0	0	0	182	187	91	0	78	104	5	344
H03B ANTITHYROID PREPARATIONS	4 985	5 131	5 019	5 125	5 432	81	33	1 673	2 522	1 204	2 897
H03BA Thiouracils	470	552	552	521	651	87	<5	343	234	72	480
H03BA02 propylthiouracil	470	552	552	521	651	87	<5	343	234	72	480
H03BB Sulfur-containing imidazole derivatives	4 624	4 741	4 590	4 727	5 042	80	32	1 457	2 397	1 156	2 417
H03BB01 carbimazole	4 624	4 741	4 590	4 727	5 042	80	32	1 457	2 397	1 156	2 417
H04 PANCREATIC HORMONES	4 775	5 265	5 336	5 490	5 588	47	1 118	2 783	1 382	305	2 460
H04A GLYCOGENOLYTIC HORMONES	4 775	5 265	5 336	5 490	5 588	47	1 118	2 783	1 382	305	2 460
H04AA Glycogenolytic hormones	4 775	5 265	5 336	5 490	5 588	47	1 118	2 783	1 382	305	2 460
H04AA01 glucagon	4 775	5 265	5 336	5 490	5 588	47	1 118	2 783	1 382	305	2 460
H05 CALCIUM HOMEOSTASIS	603	644	748	803	915	57	<5	119	434	361	21 877

ATC group H

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
H05A PARATHYROID HORMONES AND ANALOGUES	194	225	237	263	293	79	0	42	156	95	8 602
H05AA Parathyroid hormones and analogues	194	225	237	263	293	79	0	42	156	95	8 602
H05AA02 teriparatide	174	201	213	253	280	78	0	41	149	90	8 102
H05AA03 parathyroid hormone	22	25	25	12	13	92	0	<5	7	5	500
H05B ANTI-PARATHYROID AGENTS	411	421	511	541	623	48	<5	77	279	266	13 275
H05BA Calcitonin preparations	156	110	86	80	83	82	0	<5	23	57	352
H05BA01 calcitonin (salmon synthetic)	156	110	86	80	83	82	0	<5	23	57	352
H05BX Other anti-parathyroid agents	255	313	425	461	540	42	<5	74	256	209	12 923
H05BX01 cinacalcet	255	304	391	418	474	44	<5	62	223	188	11 593
H05BX02 paricalcitol	0	11	44	59	87	30	0	14	43	30	1 331

3.10 ATC group J – Antiinfectives for systemic use

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15–44	45–69	≥70							
J ANTIINFECTIVES FOR SYSTEMIC USE	1 236 736	1 247 164	1 394 472	1 252 356	1 326 119	59	176 429	536 866	423 376	189 448	699 249
J01 ANTIBACTERIALS FOR SYSTEMIC USE	1 168 650	1 181 344	1 138 203	1 180 372	1 250 193	59	171 674	499 130	397 477	181 912	295 364
J01A TETRACYCLINES	180 466	172 668	161 073	167 058	188 150	57	2 574	80 736	75 028	29 812	33 786
J01AA Tetracyclines	180 466	172 668	161 073	167 058	188 150	57	2 574	80 736	75 028	29 812	33 786
J01AA02 doxycycline	144 575	135 973	124 472	129 848	148 562	57	1 439	53 219	65 900	28 004	18 473
J01AA04 lymecycline	12 328	12 748	13 528	14 771	19 406	56	600	13 582	4 398	826	9 499
J01AA06 oxytetracycline	5 785	5 605	5 244	5 164	2 625	52	48	1 558	825	194	420
J01AA07 tetracycline	20 344	20 731	20 086	19 710	21 375	55	580	14 800	4 962	1 033	5 245
J01AA08 minocycline	<5	8	16	58	85	71	0	51	31	<5	75
J01AA12 tigecycline	<5	6	<5	<5	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	74
J01B AMPHENICOLS	0	<5	0	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
J01BA Amphenicols	0	<5	0	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
J01BA01 chloramphenicol	0	<5	0	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
J01C BETA-LACTAM ANTI-BACTERIALS, PENICILLINS	731 232	764 657	744 434	776 398	797 318	60	119 564	312 466	244 516	120 772	124 021
J01CA Penicillins with extended spectrum	262 484	281 587	283 578	301 349	309 152	74	37 457	100 855	98 852	71 988	48 538
J01CA01 ampicillin	32	35	19	39	24	25	<5	<5	8	11	25
J01CA02 pivampicillin	1 288	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	<5	0
J01CA04 amoxicillin	114 670	123 464	118 112	127 541	131 884	55	32 792	31 929	42 287	24 876	17 514
J01CA08 pivmecillinam	156 916	169 588	176 709	186 059	189 534	87	5 005	72 200	60 755	51 574	30 996
J01CA11 mecillinam	12	8	<5	<5	<5	67	0	0	<5	<5	3
J01CE Beta-lactamase sensitive penicillins	460 871	475 189	444 689	458 149	466 090	54	85 938	196 841	135 618	47 693	44 447
J01CE01 benzylpenicillin	53	54	58	52	64	42	<5	6	22	35	52
J01CE02 phenoxymethylpenicillin	460 792	475 113	444 622	458 036	465 991	54	85 937	196 806	135 580	47 668	44 177
J01CE08 benzathine benzylpenicillin	50	46	40	99	83	29	<5	49	31	<5	218
J01CF Beta-lactamase resistant penicillins	73 745	79 411	85 870	92 702	100 282	48	5 784	43 340	34 463	16 695	30 749
J01CF01 dicloxacillin	71 515	77 178	84 083	91 099	98 888	48	5 707	42 815	33 968	16 398	29 654
J01CF02 cloxacillin	2 687	2 683	2 153	1 929	1 713	48	73	632	630	378	1 069
J01CF05 flucloxacillin	6	19	32	22	17	53	12	<5	<5	<5	25
J01CR Combinations of penicillins, incl. beta-lactamase inhibitors	31	52	120	135	114	61	86	15	9	<5	287
J01CR02 amoxicillin and enzyme inhibitor	15	38	101	118	94	66	86	<5	<5	<5	153
J01CR05 piperacillin and enzyme inhibitor	16	14	19	17	20	40	0	12	5	<5	133

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J01D OTHER BETA-LACTAM ANTIBACTERIALS	28 996	27 210	24 295	23 489	23 048	59	3 072	8 168	7 863	3 945	6 950
J01DB First-generation cephalosporins	28 757	26 924	23 974	23 116	22 700	60	3 014	8 070	7 757	3 859	3 254
J01DB01 cefalexin	28 733	26 914	23 952	23 099	22 691	60	3 014	8 069	7 753	3 855	3 247
J01DB03 cefalotin	24	10	23	17	9	56	0	<5	<5	<5	7
J01DC Second-generation cephalosporins	58	67	63	71	72	50	<5	9	24	38	68
J01DC02 cefuroxime	58	67	63	71	72	50	<5	9	24	38	68
J01DD Third-generation cephalosporins	198	232	263	310	275	43	58	82	85	50	1 824
J01DD01 cefotaxime	17	30	39	42	47	53	<5	5	21	17	80
J01DD02 ceftazidime	66	57	71	80	57	49	9	35	7	6	1 112
J01DD04 ceftriaxone	115	148	155	190	177	39	45	43	61	28	632
J01DF Monobactams	12	12	11	13	8	50	0	8	0	0	273
J01DF01 aztreonam	12	12	11	13	8	50	0	8	0	0	273
J01DH Carbapenems	29	31	56	43	53	42	8	25	11	9	1 531
J01DH02 meropenem	27	30	46	39	40	38	8	20	7	5	1 147
J01DH03 ertapenem	<5	<5	8	<5	13	46	0	<5	6	<5	183
J01DH51 imipenem and enzyme inhibitor	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	100	0	<5	0	<5	202
J01E SULFONAMIDES AND TRIMETHOPRIM	125 977	123 868	118 489	117 088	116 622	77	13 996	31 545	37 370	33 711	11 089
J01EA Trimethoprim and derivatives	96 543	93 084	88 503	86 108	84 322	85	8 324	23 729	26 384	25 885	6 879
J01EA01 trimethoprim	96 543	93 084	88 503	86 108	84 322	85	8 324	23 729	26 384	25 885	6 879
J01EE Combinations of sulfonamides and trimethoprim, incl. derivatives	33 487	34 914	34 027	34 976	36 374	57	6 201	8 588	12 218	9 367	4 210
J01EE01 sulfamethoxazole and trimethoprim	33 487	34 914	34 027	34 976	36 374	57	6 201	8 588	12 218	9 367	4 210
J01F MACROLIDES, LINCOSAMIDES AND STREPTOGRAMINS	326 229	310 374	283 337	301 083	349 564	57	58 325	157 672	105 052	28 515	58 244
J01FA Macrolides	292 195	272 328	244 678	257 943	304 681	58	54 231	139 212	88 862	22 376	46 504
J01FA01 erythromycin	158 396	142 942	123 140	129 188	170 300	57	44 653	66 911	46 220	12 516	21 922
J01FA02 spiramycin	4 368	3 575	3 033	2 794	2 742	60	85	1 075	1 227	355	468
J01FA09 clarithromycin	51 608	44 208	36 958	37 830	43 158	57	5 627	16 144	16 166	5 221	7 355
J01FA10 azithromycin	90 880	92 794	90 850	98 413	101 154	59	5 450	61 398	29 249	5 057	16 759
J01FF Lincosamides	41 699	46 064	45 847	51 154	53 671	54	5 075	22 666	18 933	6 997	11 740
J01FF01 clindamycin	41 699	46 064	45 847	51 154	53 671	54	5 075	22 666	18 933	6 997	11 740

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J01G AMINOGLYCOSIDE ANTIBACTERIALS	282	278	289	273	252	46	88	96	50	18	9 702
J01GA Streptomycins	0	<5	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
J01GA01 streptomycin	0	<5	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
J01GB Other aminoglycosides	282	277	289	273	252	46	88	96	50	18	9 702
J01GB01 tobramycin	253	245	258	250	219	46	82	84	41	12	8 425
J01GB03 gentamicin	25	28	26	16	19	42	<5	5	5	5	80
J01GB06 amikacin	5	6	5	10	14	57	<5	7	<5	<5	1 196
J01M QUINOLONE ANTIBACTERIALS	55 879	59 957	60 651	64 703	67 255	49	616	17 019	28 641	20 979	15 757
J01MA Fluoroquinolones	55 879	59 957	60 651	64 703	67 255	49	616	17 019	28 641	20 979	15 757
J01MA01 ofloxacin	3 002	3 012	2 717	2 516	2 242	44	<5	669	924	647	799
J01MA02 ciprofloxacin	53 263	57 335	58 298	62 445	65 177	50	613	16 239	27 848	20 477	14 199
J01MA12 levofloxacin	5	5	15	21	31	61	0	8	18	5	160
J01MA14 moxifloxacin	36	65	71	142	205	47	<5	189	14	<5	599
J01X OTHER ANTIBACTERIALS	46 625	47 875	51 069	54 632	58 469	84	1 602	12 235	19 488	25 144	35 815
J01XA Glycopeptide antibacterials	23	29	27	23	27	41	11	<5	7	5	335
J01XA01 vancomycin	21	23	26	21	24	46	11	<5	5	<5	278
J01XA02 teicoplanin	<5	6	<5	<5	<5	0	0	0	<5	<5	57
J01XB Polymyxins	66	60	64	55	63	56	13	32	12	6	2 246
J01XB01 colistin	66	60	64	55	63	56	13	32	12	6	2 246
J01XC Steroid antibacterials	866	865	711	757	663	54	30	231	225	177	468
J01XC01 fusidic acid	866	865	711	757	663	54	30	231	225	177	468
J01XD Imidazole derivatives	16	17	23	24	26	62	<5	<5	14	8	62
J01XD01 metronidazole	16	17	23	24	26	62	<5	<5	14	8	62
J01XE Nitrofurantoin derivatives	29 388	29 536	31 296	33 594	36 767	86	1 461	9 605	12 256	13 445	4 056
J01XE01 nitrofurantoin	29 388	29 536	31 296	33 594	36 767	86	1 461	9 605	12 256	13 445	4 056
J01XX Other antibacterials	19 854	21 193	23 185	24 887	25 917	83	116	3 019	8 601	14 181	28 647
J01XX05 methenamine	19 711	21 023	22 969	24 644	25 643	83	113	2 977	8 477	14 076	19 386
J01XX08 linezolid	146	177	223	252	279	42	<5	42	127	107	9 261
J02 ANTIMYCOTICS FOR SYSTEMIC USE	39 045	40 785	42 646	45 329	46 494	86	463	29 312	13 420	3 299	23 894
J02A ANTIMYCOTICS FOR SYSTEMIC USE	39 045	40 785	42 646	45 329	46 494	86	463	29 312	13 420	3 299	23 894
J02AA Antibiotics	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	67	<5	0	<5	0	29
J02AA01 amphotericin B	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	67	<5	0	<5	0	29
J02AB Imidazole derivatives	2 325	2 294	2 262	2 163	2 227	44	27	1 502	621	77	644
J02AB02 ketoconazole	2 325	2 294	2 262	2 163	2 227	44	27	1 502	621	77	644

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J02AC Triazole derivatives	36 794	38 599	40 488	43 282	44 372	88	438	27 877	12 828	3 229	22 326
J02AC01 fluconazole	36 547	38 354	40 227	42 966	43 929	88	431	27 693	12 622	3 183	12 961
J02AC02 itraconazole	316	307	526	471	635	77	<5	356	235	40	707
J02AC03 voriconazole	59	66	65	80	80	43	<5	22	41	14	5 926
J02AC04 posaconazole	<5	7	9	22	40	30	<5	16	21	<5	2 733
J02AX Other antimycotics for systemic use	<5	<5	<5	<5	5	60	<5	<5	<5	<5	895
J02AX04 caspofungin	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	100	0	0	<5	<5	320
J02AX05 micafungin	0	0	0	0	<5	50	<5	<5	0	0	522
J02AX06 anidulafungin	0	0	<5	0	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	53
J04 ANTIMYCOBACTERIALS	913	917	1 336	1 573	1 645	48	101	737	496	311	4 497
J04A DRUGS FOR TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS	479	486	931	1 126	1 194	51	90	629	300	175	4 123
J04AB Antibiotics	314	318	401	444	474	51	55	106	170	143	1 271
J04AB02 rifampicin	296	303	377	422	458	51	54	101	163	140	939
J04AB04 rifabutin	17	16	25	24	17	53	<5	5	7	<5	333
J04AB30 capreomycin	<5	<5	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
J04AC Hydrazides	47	38	64	75	88	55	19	39	24	6	96
J04AC01 isoniazid	47	38	64	75	88	55	19	39	24	6	96
J04AD Thiocarbamide derivatives	<5	<5	<5	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
J04AD01 protonamide	<5	<5	<5	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
J04AK Other drugs for treatment of tuberculosis	127	99	126	203	207	51	5	104	75	23	761
J04AK01 pyrazinamide	25	13	20	28	37	46	<5	21	11	<5	68
J04AK02 ethambutol	123	97	115	198	200	51	<5	100	75	21	693
J04AM Combinations of drugs for treatment of tuberculosis	96	112	493	645	684	51	35	504	116	29	1 996
J04AM02 rifampicin and isoniazid	70	82	433	578	619	51	33	463	99	24	1 636
J04AM05 rifampicin, pyrazinamide and isoniazid	34	36	76	138	111	49	<5	77	22	8	249
J04AM06 rifampicin, pyrazinamide, ethambutol and isoniazid	<5	13	58	47	47	51	0	32	13	<5	111
J04B DRUGS FOR TREATMENT OF LEPRO	437	433	405	449	454	41	11	110	197	136	373
J04BA Drugs for treatment of lepra	437	433	405	449	454	41	11	110	197	136	373
J04BA01 clofazimine	0	<5	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
J04BA02 dapsone	437	432	405	449	454	41	11	110	197	136	373
J05 ANTIVIRALS FOR SYSTEMIC USE	24 510	24 595	304 693	31 034	32 720	61	861	16 409	11 681	3 769	305 971

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J05A DIRECT ACTING ANTIVIRALS	24 510	24 595	304 693	31 034	32 720	61	861	16 409	11 681	3 769	305 971
J05AB Nucleosides and nucleotides excl. reverse transcriptase inhibitors	19 845	21 809	23 038	24 889	27 461	64	574	13 688	9 669	3 530	48 018
J05AB01 aciclovir	8 787	9 892	10 264	11 316	12 171	67	412	6 137	3 970	1 652	4 735
J05AB04 ribavirin	728	803	770	705	760	36	6	449	299	6	16 230
J05AB06 ganciclovir	0	<5	0	<5	<5	100	<5	0	0	0	16
J05AB11 valaciclovir	10 466	11 348	12 244	13 096	14 810	63	160	7 369	5 406	1 875	13 553
J05AB12 cidofovir	0	<5	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
J05AB14 valganciclovir	197	223	246	283	319	31	<5	83	185	49	13 484
J05AD Phosphonic acid derivatives	<5	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
J05AD01 foscarnet	<5	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
J05AE Protease inhibitors	961	1 108	1 238	1 347	1 562	39	10	872	659	21	69 150
J05AE01 saquinavir	19	17	11	9	7	14	0	<5	<5	<5	326
J05AE02 indinavir	21	11	6	<5	<5	100	0	<5	0	0	41
J05AE03 ritonavir	310	379	499	604	720	36	<5	399	309	9	2 847
J05AE04 nelfinavir	51	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
J05AE06 lopinavir	525	582	583	551	510	52	7	335	160	8	15 872
J05AE07 fosamprenavir	5	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0	<5	<5	0	78
J05AE08 atazanavir	425	517	660	780	920	35	<5	504	399	14	36 632
J05AE09 tipranavir	7	<5	<5	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
J05AE10 darunavir	25	48	55	70	91	24	<5	25	65	0	6 018
J05AE11 telaprevir	0	0	0	0	16	44	0	5	11	0	2 163
J05AE12 boceprevir	0	0	0	0	76	39	0	36	40	0	5 173
J05AF Nucleoside and nucleotide reverse transcriptase inhibitors	400	394	388	399	420	35	17	190	199	14	16 040
J05AF01 zidovudine	61	55	41	34	35	40	<5	22	10	<5	559
J05AF02 didanosine	102	77	53	37	22	45	<5	8	11	<5	326
J05AF04 stavudine	47	28	13	13	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	4
J05AF05 lamivudine	174	145	117	100	93	47	14	32	45	<5	924
J05AF06 abacavir	52	46	48	51	54	50	11	21	21	<5	1 252
J05AF07 tenofovir disoproxil	155	148	158	163	191	33	<5	99	88	<5	6 673
J05AF08 adefovir dipivoxil	36	38	33	22	15	33	0	6	9	0	797
J05AF09 emtricitabine	20	13	11	11	9	22	0	<5	<5	<5	174
J05AF10 entecavir	23	56	87	106	126	29	0	62	57	7	5 252
J05AF11 telbivudine	<5	6	8	5	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	79

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	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
J05AG Non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors	573	633	573	529	467	39	13	210	232	12	11 269
J05AG01 nevirapine	179	183	186	191	184	40	6	85	88	5	4 064
J05AG03 efavirenz	398	455	382	321	258	40	6	120	125	7	5 950
J05AG04 etravirine	0	0	12	23	28	21	<5	5	22	0	1 255
J05AH Neuraminidase inhibitors	3 266	1 088	282 095	3 860	2 646	54	267	1 319	862	198	702
J05AH01 zanamivir	<5	109	2 542	35	36	81	<5	18	15	0	10
J05AH02 oseltamivir	3 264	981	279 946	3 829	2 612	53	264	1 302	848	198	692
J05AR Antivirals for treatment of HIV infections, combinations	1 299	1 563	1 886	2 149	2 415	36	5	1 294	1 080	36	144 003
J05AR01 zidovudine and lamivudine	684	648	606	514	421	52	<5	251	159	10	11 715
J05AR02 lamivudine and abacavir	161	230	258	279	290	33	<5	136	144	8	12 187
J05AR03 tenofovir disoproxil and emtricitabine	518	738	890	1 065	1 230	36	<5	663	549	15	63 854
J05AR04 zidovudine, lamivudine and abacavir	39	37	36	35	31	48	0	11	20	0	1 738
J05AR06 emtricitabine, tenofovir disoproxil and efavirenz	0	130	362	514	650	26	0	344	299	7	54 509
J05AX Other antivirals	8	50	97	179	271	49	0	125	144	<5	16 789
J05AX05 inosine pranobex	<5	<5	<5	31	81	79	0	53	27	<5	301
J05AX07 enfuvirtide	7	6	<5	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
J05AX08 raltegravir	0	48	96	148	190	36	0	72	117	<5	15 749
J05AX09 maraviroc	0	5	5	7	7	0	0	0	7	0	738

3.11 ATC group L – Antineoplastic and immunomodulating agents

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
L ANTINEOPLASTIC AND IMMUNOMODULATING AGENTS	65 309	70 154	72 795	76 656	81 605	54	1 180	17 972	38 192	24 261	2 168 965
L02 ENDOCRINE THERAPY	23 657	24 557	24 457	24 886	25 995	51	169	3 136	8 857	13 833	231 496
L02A HORMONES AND RELATED AGENTS	10 633	10 787	10 788	11 009	11 752	25	165	2 451	2 045	7 091	101 367
L02AA Estrogens	75	48	25	17	7	14	0	0	<5	5	8
L02AA02 polyestradiol phosphate	75	48	25	17	7	14	0	0	<5	5	8
L02AB Progestogens	294	223	188	178	202	84	0	13	95	94	421
L02AB01 meggestrol	216	186	178	178	202	84	0	13	95	94	421
L02AB02 medroxyprogesterone	79	44	12	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
L02AE Gonadotropin releasing hormone analogues	10 299	10 547	10 590	10 827	11 549	24	165	2 438	1 949	6 997	100 938
L02AE01 buserelin	1 364	1 337	1 282	1 474	1 898	99	0	1 871	16	11	3 092
L02AE02 leuprorelin	3 546	3 804	3 887	3 891	4 012	14	164	348	560	2 940	40 335
L02AE03 goserelin	5 511	5 557	5 601	5 619	5 783	7	<5	246	1 420	4 116	57 475
L02AE04 triptorelin	<5	<5	8	<5	12	100	0	12	0	0	36
L02B HORMONE ANTAGONISTS AND RELATED AGENTS	16 023	16 898	16 800	17 127	17 876	58	<5	737	7 871	9 264	130 128
L02BA Anti-estrogens	5 565	5 502	4 959	4 109	3 861	97	<5	583	2 282	993	15 158
L02BA01 tamoxifen	5 314	5 251	4 716	3 893	3 597	97	<5	574	2 136	884	3 179
L02BA03 fulvestrant	272	270	267	242	296	98	0	9	161	126	11 979
L02BB Anti-androgens	6 006	6 370	6 380	6 641	7 006	0	0	<5	1 645	5 357	43 600
L02BB01 flutamide	431	389	352	305	253	1	0	<5	37	214	1 200
L02BB03 bicalutamide	5 597	6 003	6 058	6 362	6 773	0	0	<5	1 614	5 157	42 400
L02BG Enzyme inhibitors	5 521	5 968	6 601	7 219	7 378	99	<5	171	4 230	2 976	62 912
L02BG03 anastrozole	3 254	3 444	3 276	2 901	2 331	98	0	25	1 329	977	13 780
L02BG04 letrozole	1 180	1 396	2 360	3 478	4 365	100	<5	132	2 521	1 711	40 951
L02BG06 exemestane	1 272	1 363	1 200	1 108	929	100	0	22	534	373	8 181
L02BX Other hormone antagonists and related agents	0	0	0	89	377	0	0	<5	136	240	8 459
L02BX02 degarelix	0	0	0	89	271	0	0	<5	104	166	2 597
L02BX03 abiraterone	0	0	0	0	107	0	0	0	33	74	5 862
L03 IMMUNOSTIMULANTS	4 890	5 353	5 663	5 883	6 294	61	54	2 495	3 234	511	344 502
L03A IMMUNOSTIMULANTS	4 890	5 353	5 663	5 883	6 294	61	54	2 495	3 234	511	344 502
L03AA Colony stimulating factors	1 714	1 928	2 085	2 222	2 426	59	37	457	1 472	460	81 902
L03AA02 filgrastim	378	364	362	415	587	48	34	117	343	93	10 464
L03AA13 pegfilgrastim	1 431	1 649	1 815	1 919	1 958	62	<5	363	1 210	382	71 438
L03AB Interferons	2 602	2 667	2 666	2 649	2 756	58	17	1 458	1 244	37	175 082
L03AB01 interferon alfa natural	0	<5	5	11	20	45	<5	9	9	<5	2 528

ATC group L

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011 Sales in 1000 NOK	
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group					
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70								
L03AB03	interferon gamma	11	11	9	9	9	44	5	<5	0	0	1 355
L03AB04	interferon alfa-2a	20	5	14	19	19	26	0	<5	14	<5	879
L03AB05	interferon alfa-2b	113	80	62	74	63	37	0	8	44	11	2 196
L03AB07	interferon beta-1a	1 311	1 335	1 348	1 217	1 183	70	<5	597	578	<5	103 324
L03AB08	interferon beta-1b	336	363	372	533	637	65	0	359	276	<5	34 391
L03AB10	peginterferon alfa-2b	504	465	416	310	273	43	6	138	117	12	9 442
L03AB11	peginterferon alfa-2a	324	424	468	503	594	36	<5	362	226	5	20 967
L03AC	Interleukins	<5	<5	0	0	<5	100	0	<5	0	0	15
L03AC01	aldesleukin	<5	<5	0	0	<5	100	0	<5	0	0	15
L03AX	Other immunostimulants	670	862	1 023	1 148	1 266	73	0	681	571	14	87 502
L03AX03	BCG vaccine	5	<5	7	13	12	33	0	0	<5	9	62
L03AX13	glatiramer acetate	665	858	1 016	1 135	1 254	74	0	681	568	5	87 441
L04	IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS	32 317	35 076	37 221	39 932	42 910	55	840	11 786	22 682	7 602	1 278 640
L04A	IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS	32 317	35 076	37 221	39 932	42 910	55	840	11 786	22 682	7 602	1 278 640
L04AA	Selective immunosuppressants	3 796	4 317	4 619	4 910	5 466	48	71	1 239	3 225	931	101 674
L04AA06	mycophenolic acid	2 296	2 647	2 965	3 266	3 591	37	68	916	2 104	503	44 894
L04AA10	sirolimus	68	68	70	101	130	33	<5	21	90	17	5 411
L04AA13	leflunomide	1 264	1 318	1 362	1 458	1 539	71	0	180	951	408	9 004
L04AA18	everolimus	228	253	263	294	336	29	<5	51	231	53	21 340
L04AA21	efalizumab	127	196	118	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
L04AA23	natalizumab	0	42	58	49	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
L04AA24	abatacept	17	16	<5	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
L04AA25	eculizumab	0	0	<5	<5	5	60	<5	<5	<5	0	9 677
L04AA27	fingolimod	0	0	0	0	186	72	0	118	68	0	11 348
L04AB	Tumor necrosis factor alpha (TNF-α) inhibitors	6 569	7 626	8 409	9 649	11 057	54	173	4 055	5 904	925	954 991
L04AB01	etanercept	4 565	5 280	5 162	5 078	6 122	56	116	1 979	3 425	602	449 967
L04AB02	infliximab	426	278	83	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
L04AB04	adalimumab	1 791	2 329	3 519	3 993	4 121	50	60	1 796	2 010	255	381 326
L04AB05	certolizumab pegol	0	0	0	135	314	76	0	86	183	45	16 138
L04AB06	golimumab	0	0	0	1 038	1 208	51	<5	468	668	71	107 561
L04AC	Interleukin inhibitors	61	58	69	127	180	46	11	73	92	<5	21 387
L04AC03	anakinra	61	58	68	75	85	48	9	33	41	<5	6 633
L04AC05	ustekinumab	0	0	<5	50	92	43	0	39	51	<5	9 747
L04AC08	canakinumab	0	0	0	<5	6	33	<5	<5	0	0	5 007
L04AD	Calcineurin inhibitors	4 328	4 388	4 578	4 799	5 027	37	132	1 387	2 822	686	135 463

ATC group L

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
L04AD01 ciclosporin	3 424	3 306	3 289	3 307	3 332	37	50	738	1 951	593	76 705
L04AD02 tacrolimus	976	1 161	1 349	1 570	1 770	39	88	674	910	98	58 757
L04AX Other immunosuppressants	24 138	25 770	26 861	28 383	29 764	59	583	7 391	15 685	6 105	65 124
L04AX01 azathioprine	5 954	6 028	6 197	6 390	6 714	51	185	3 080	2 795	654	5 993
L04AX02 thalidomide	357	340	330	348	320	45	6	11	107	196	11 692
L04AX03 methotrexate	17 921	19 466	20 348	21 623	22 689	61	396	4 341	12 747	5 205	10 125
L04AX04 lenalidomide	<5	60	106	157	171	44	0	<5	96	72	37 315

3.12 ATC group M – Musculo-skeletal system

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
M MUSCULO-SKELETAL SYSTEM	915 415	907 360	891 127	901 910	927 190	57	14 195	334 035	421 567	157 393	286 442
M01 ANTIINFLAMMATORY AND ANTIRHEUMATIC PRODUCTS	822 755	829 545	815 420	824 208	833 697	57	12 492	326 028	387 978	107 199	189 675
M01A ANTIINFLAMMATORY AND ANTIRHEUMATIC PRODUCTS, NON-STEROIDS	822 620	829 405	815 299	824 121	833 625	57	12 492	326 018	387 944	107 171	188 468
M01AA Butylpyrazolidines	0	<5	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
M01AA01 phenylbutazone	0	<5	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
M01AB Acetic acid derivatives and related substances	436 431	498 631	491 574	505 424	508 709	55	7 289	210 994	235 610	54 816	66 610
M01AB01 indometacin	12 784	12 154	11 675	2 710	1 116	59	15	381	593	127	790
M01AB02 sulindac	752	600	386	16	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
M01AB05 diclofenac	408 801	471 691	464 462	481 108	483 075	55	7 245	205 875	221 895	48 060	50 740
M01AB15 ketorolac	7	7	11	27	23	61	0	<5	15	<5	6
M01AB55 diclofenac, combinations	21 650	22 250	23 266	29 244	31 567	63	35	6 693	17 011	7 828	15 074
M01AC Oxicams	167 590	88 227	81 319	76 309	69 287	55	250	21 922	36 881	10 234	17 791
M01AC01 piroxicam	140 318	60 698	55 461	51 627	47 986	52	204	17 397	25 390	4 995	12 469
M01AC06 meloxicam	29 448	28 570	26 731	25 438	21 951	62	46	4 722	11 845	5 338	5 322
M01AE Propionic acid derivatives	262 707	278 524	273 810	276 001	294 326	61	5 194	116 515	134 732	37 885	64 572
M01AE01 ibuprofen ¹⁾	193 933	208 791	211 641	215 745	226 784	62	4 341	95 114	101 882	25 447	37 599
M01AE02 naproxen ¹⁾	64 457	66 541	59 487	58 354	62 526	57	864	21 054	29 675	10 933	21 989
M01AE03 ketoprofen	8 799	8 541	7 912	7 478	7 396	60	21	1 666	4 168	1 541	3 143
M01AE14 dexibuprofen	2 180	2 124	1 417	1 025	881	62	5	359	425	92	194
M01AE52 naproxen and esomeprazole	0	0	0	0	5 217	64	5	1 403	2 901	908	1 646
M01AG Fenamates	849	827	669	106	304	84	<5	197	99	7	251
M01AG02 tolfenamic acid	849	827	669	106	304	84	<5	197	99	7	251
M01AH Coxibs	37 251	36 485	35 851	35 999	36 511	55	46	12 084	18 623	5 758	17 266
M01AH01 celecoxib	9 398	8 315	8 030	7 851	7 718	63	13	2 228	4 097	1 380	6 013
M01AH02 rofecoxib	<5	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
M01AH03 valdecoxib	<5	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
M01AH04 parecoxib	0	<5	<5	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
M01AH05 etoricoxib	28 099	28 365	28 047	28 365	29 011	53	33	9 912	14 653	4 413	11 254
M01AX Other antiinflammatory and antirheumatic agents, non-steroids	64 418	55 088	51 313	48 137	41 743	66	9	3 415	23 785	14 534	21 979
M01AX01 nabumetone	12 759	11 261	9 107	7 343	6 375	66	6	1 340	3 503	1 526	4 072
M01AX05 glucosamine ¹⁾	51 520	43 576	41 918	40 410	34 881	67	<5	2 016	20 013	12 850	16 459

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ATC group M

ATC level		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
		Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
								<15	15-44	45-69	≥70	
M01C	SPECIFIC ANTIRHEUMATIC AGENTS	360	325	285	242	207	76	0	35	122	50	1 207
M01CB	Gold preparations	308	267	241	199	170	81	0	28	97	45	474
M01CB01	sodium aurothiomalate	109	97	74	36	29	76	0	<5	13	15	91
M01CB03	auranofin	200	171	167	163	141	82	0	27	84	30	384
M01CC	Penicillamine and similar agents	15	15	12	14	13	46	0	<5	9	<5	62
M01CC01	penicillamine	15	15	12	14	13	46	0	<5	9	<5	62
M01CX	Other specific antirheumatic agents	37	43	32	30	24	58	0	<5	16	<5	670
M02	TOPICAL PRODUCTS FOR JOINT AND MUSCULAR PAIN	37 832	31 768	27 101	24 394	53 452	60	2 045	15 408	21 349	14 650	5 184
M02A	TOPICAL PRODUCTS FOR JOINT AND MUSCULAR PAIN	37 832	31 768	27 101	24 394	53 452	60	2 045	15 408	21 349	14 650	5 184
M02AA	Antiinflammatory preparations, non-steroids for topical use	37 721	31 675	27 032	24 200	53 244	60	2 035	15 345	21 271	14 593	5 161
M02AA10	ketoprofen ¹⁾	33 758	27 552	23 095	20 122	47 390	61	1 774	13 591	19 177	12 848	4 094
M02AA13	ibuprofen ¹⁾	3 958	4 040	3 853	3 998	4 917	60	225	1 403	1 688	1 601	847
M02AA15	diclofenac	127	173	160	167	1 322	57	39	407	520	356	219
M02AB	Capsaicin and similar agents	13	8	5	6	6	67	0	0	5	<5	2
M02AB01	capsaicin	13	8	5	6	6	67	0	0	5	<5	2
M02AC	Preparations with salicylic acid derivatives	106	89	69	189	207	64	10	67	75	55	18
M02AX	Other topical products for joint and muscular pain	21	7	11	13	9	89	0	<5	<5	5	3
M02AX10	various	21	7	11	13	9	89	0	<5	<5	5	3
M03	MUSCLE RELAXANTS	51 832	12 875	5 592	5 918	6 009	56	112	1 658	3 500	739	14 146
M03B	MUSCLE RELAXANTS, CENTRALLY ACTING AGENTS	51 658	12 660	5 388	5 657	5 654	55	112	1 446	3 365	731	10 490
M03BA	Carbamic acid esters	48 187	8 594	1 087	1 097	1 030	68	0	267	667	96	3 177
M03BA02	carisoprodol	48 173	8 583	1 087	1 097	1 030	68	0	267	667	96	3 177
M03BA52	carisoprodol, combinations excl. psycholeptics	25	30	<5	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
M03BB	Oxazol, thiazine, and triazine derivatives	<5	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	1
M03BB03	chlorzoxazone	<5	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	1
M03BC	Ethers, chemically close to antihistamines	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0

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ATC group M

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
M03BC51 orphenadrine, combinations	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
M03BX Other centrally acting agents	3 836	4 236	4 318	4 583	4 652	52	112	1 188	2 713	639	7 313
M03BX01 baclofen	3 804	4 195	4 277	4 544	4 608	52	112	1 177	2 684	635	6 924
M03BX02 tizanidine	60	72	59	59	71	42	0	23	42	6	389
M03C MUSCLE RELAXANTS, DIRECTLY ACTING AGENTS	<5	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	1
M03CA Dantrolene and derivatives	<5	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	1
M03CA01 dantrolene	<5	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	1
M04 ANTIGOUT PREPARATIONS	36 456	37 888	39 433	40 882	43 051	29	11	2 605	18 627	21 808	17 575
M04A ANTIGOUT PREPARATIONS	36 456	37 888	39 433	40 882	43 051	29	11	2 605	18 627	21 808	17 575
M04AA Preparations inhibiting uric acid production	33 756	34 952	36 397	37 670	39 465	29	<5	2 262	17 017	20 185	14 010
M04AA01 allopurinol	33 756	34 952	36 397	37 661	39 436	29	<5	2 256	17 005	20 174	13 374
M04AA03 febuxostat	0	0	0	9	33	24	0	6	15	12	636
M04AB Preparations increasing uric acid excretion	2 062	2 100	2 123	2 062	2 072	30	0	153	934	985	2 197
M04AB01 probenecid	2 062	2 100	2 123	2 062	2 072	30	0	153	934	985	2 197
M04AC Preparations with no effect on uric acid metabolism	2 069	2 373	2 597	3 070	3 686	22	10	386	1 698	1 592	1 368
M04AC01 colchicine	2 069	2 373	2 597	3 070	3 686	22	10	386	1 698	1 592	1 368
M05 DRUGS FOR TREATMENT OF BONE DISEASES	56 743	56 634	56 744	57 597	58 369	89	6	649	20 355	37 359	59 862
M05B DRUGS AFFECTING BONE STRUCTURE AND MINERALIZATION	56 743	56 634	56 744	57 597	58 369	89	6	649	20 355	37 359	59 862
M05BA Bisphosphonates	53 895	54 146	54 669	55 785	56 548	89	6	629	19 921	35 992	54 671
M05BA01 etidronic acid	442	372	297	240	205	94	0	<5	34	170	204
M05BA02 clodronic acid	44	48	44	48	48	44	0	0	30	18	872
M05BA03 pamidronic acid	<5	10	13	21	19	37	0	0	9	10	92
M05BA04 alendronic acid	51 589	51 829	52 053	52 702	52 891	89	6	568	18 347	33 970	39 118
M05BA06 ibandronic acid	719	704	704	696	668	94	0	7	270	391	2 642
M05BA07 risedronic acid	1 971	1 405	1 214	1 097	948	93	0	8	340	600	2 904
M05BA08 zoledronic acid	47	221	835	1 584	2 329	88	0	54	1 159	1 116	8 839
M05BB Bisphosphonates, combinations	3 235	2 745	2 267	1 950	1 659	94	0	7	333	1 319	3 729
M05BB01 etidronic acid and calcium, sequential	3 234	2 745	2 267	1 950	1 659	94	0	7	333	1 319	3 729
M05BB03 alendronic acid and colecalciferol	<5	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0

ATC group M

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
M05BX Other drugs affecting bone structure and mineralization	0	0	0	27	398	83	0	17	186	195	1 462
M05BX04 denosumab	0	0	0	27	398	83	0	17	186	195	1 462
M09 OTHER DRUGS FOR DISORDERS OF THE MUSCULO-SKELETAL SYSTEM	<5	<5	<5	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
M09A OTHER DRUGS FOR DISORDERS OF THE MUSCULO-SKELETAL SYSTEM	<5	<5	<5	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
M09AX Other drugs for disorders of the musculo-skeletal system	<5	<5	<5	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
M09AX01 hyaluronic acid	<5	<5	<5	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0

3.13 ATC group N – Nervous system

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15–44	45–69	≥70							
N NERVOUS SYSTEM	1 181 693	1 208 796	1 230 916	1 248 502	1 279 567	59	30 739	407 577	554 377	286 874	2 554 961
N02 ANALGESICS	647 981	676 887	693 686	710 534	739 065	61	9 158	241 162	325 567	163 178	666 125
N02A OPIOIDS	470 928	484 768	487 517	491 940	500 580	56	4 884	165 283	220 979	109 434	382 432
N02AA Natural opium alkaloids	406 407	409 141	405 617	401 941	403 455	56	4 711	138 640	178 407	81 697	249 129
N02AA01 morphine	6 768	6 995	7 048	7 000	6 787	48	28	931	3 268	2 560	14 398
N02AA03 hydromorphone	65	53	41	40	48	56	0	7	33	8	3 086
N02AA05 oxycodone	12 637	14 983	16 910	19 067	20 442	53	11	3 131	9 410	7 890	76 518
N02AA08 dihydrocodeine	38	40	49	47	52	77	0	10	37	5	260
N02AA55 oxycodone, combinations	0	5	228	1 001	1 830	55	<5	170	790	867	6 075
N02AA59 codeine, combinations excl. psycholeptics	396 326	397 626	392 734	387 507	387 870	56	4 683	136 613	171 353	75 221	148 792
N02AB Phenylpiperidine derivatives	10 091	10 253	10 453	11 167	11 304	59	<5	1 974	4 899	4 427	43 078
N02AB01 ketobemidone	3 743	3 738	3 731	3 994	3 972	55	0	1 125	1 979	868	4 922
N02AB02 pethidine	1 403	1 377	1 340	1 343	1 243	63	0	403	666	174	1 973
N02AB03 fentanyl	5 500	5 657	5 857	6 331	6 581	61	<5	548	2 513	3 516	36 183
N02AC Diphenylpropylamine derivatives	9 262	8 523	7 442	4 700	30	63	0	<5	18	9	34
N02AC04 dextropropoxyphene	0	0	0	0	9	56	0	0	7	<5	7
N02AC54 dextropropoxyphene, comb. excl. psycholeptics	9 262	8 523	7 442	4 700	22	64	0	<5	12	7	27
N02AD Benzomorphan derivatives	52	49	45	41	35	60	0	<5	22	10	444
N02AD01 pentazocine	52	49	45	41	35	60	0	<5	22	10	444
N02AE Oripavine derivatives	7 911	10 244	12 080	13 189	14 006	71	<5	1 285	3 730	8 987	41 842
N02AE01 buprenorphine	7 911	10 244	12 080	13 189	14 006	71	<5	1 285	3 730	8 987	41 842
N02AG Opioids in combination with antispasmodics	1 857	1 819	1 729	1 840	1 774	57	<5	464	875	434	1 567
N02AG01 morphine and antispasmodics	179	218	218	263	309	46	<5	10	96	202	62
N02AG02 ketobemidone and antispasmodics	1 686	1 608	1 515	1 584	1 469	59	0	454	780	235	1 504
N02AX Other opioids	91 978	106 796	114 947	127 985	138 475	59	195	39 355	62 529	36 396	46 337
N02AX02 tramadol	91 978	106 796	114 947	127 985	138 458	59	195	39 353	62 520	36 390	46 313
N02AX06 tapentadol	0	0	0	0	31	61	0	6	16	9	24
N02B OTHER ANALGESICS AND ANTIPIRETTICS	226 320	255 894	281 468	305 896	337 904	64	3 022	81 864	148 472	104 546	66 006
N02BA Salicylic acid and derivatives	792	769	806	840	883	62	221	256	233	173	253
N02BA01 acetylsalicylic acid ¹⁾	780	768	802	836	879	62	221	255	230	173	233
N02BA11 diflunisal	11	0	<5	<5	<5	100	0	0	<5	0	11

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ATC group N

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
N02BA51 acetylsalicylic acid, combinations excl. psycholeptics	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	100	0	<5	<5	0	9
N02BB Pyrazolones	988	909	885	887	891	67	6	374	341	170	331
N02BB02 metamizole sodium	6	15	22	12	5	60	0	<5	<5	<5	4
N02BB51 phenazone, combinations excl. psycholeptics ¹⁾	982	894	863	875	886	67	6	373	338	169	327
N02BE Anilides	225 013	254 655	280 253	304 672	336 593	64	2 798	81 366	148 066	104 363	65 386
N02BE01 paracetamol ¹⁾	225 013	254 655	280 253	304 672	336 593	64	2 798	81 366	148 066	104 363	65 386
N02BE51 paracetamol, combinations excl. psycholeptics	<5	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
N02BG Other analgesics and antipyretics	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	0	0	<5	<5	0	36
N02BG07 flupirtine	<5	<5	<5	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
N02BG08 ziconotide	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	25
N02BG10 nabiximols	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	<5	<5	0	11
N02C ANTIMIGRAINE PREPARATIONS	86 670	88 060	87 608	88 920	91 681	79	1 789	43 338	42 976	3 578	217 687
N02CA Ergot alkaloids	4 265	3 827	3 477	3 072	2 916	82	10	485	1 770	651	1 290
N02CA04 methysergide	5	8	6	6	9	11	0	<5	5	<5	40
N02CA52 ergotamine, combinations excl. psycholeptics	14	14	13	15	15	73	0	<5	7	6	18
N02CA72 ergotamine, combinations with psycholeptics	4 247	3 808	3 458	3 053	2 893	82	10	481	1 759	643	1 232
N02CC Selective serotonin (5HT₁) agonists	80 455	82 235	81 971	83 475	85 960	79	1 725	42 130	39 369	2 736	214 410
N02CC01 sumatriptan	32 326	35 885	40 472	41 842	43 346	77	1 511	23 051	17 491	1 293	81 721
N02CC02 naratriptan	1 529	1 515	1 497	1 501	1 581	86	5	693	815	68	4 563
N02CC03 zolmitriptan	13 948	14 983	14 223	14 230	14 479	82	106	6 596	7 296	481	40 119
N02CC04 rizatriptan	24 819	24 519	22 306	22 398	23 367	81	184	12 036	10 459	688	46 150
N02CC05 almotriptan	4 687	3 915	3 286	3 053	2 936	83	8	1 496	1 365	67	6 167
N02CC06 eletriptan	12 534	11 871	11 192	11 289	11 401	82	48	5 244	5 836	273	35 671
N02CC07 frovatriptan	0	12	19	6	5	80	0	<5	<5	0	19
N02CX Other antimigraine preparations	3 154	3 129	3 163	3 418	3 920	77	62	1 115	2 495	248	1 987
N02CX01 pizotifen	75	63	53	61	60	82	0	19	36	5	146
N02CX02 clonidine	3 081	3 067	3 111	3 357	3 861	77	62	1 096	2 460	243	1 841
N03 ANTIEPILEPTICS	90 882	97 238	100 381	103 954	108 550	55	3 483	34 809	50 223	20 035	395 734
N03A ANTIEPILEPTICS	90 882	97 238	100 381	103 954	108 550	55	3 483	34 809	50 223	20 035	395 734
N03AA Barbiturates and derivatives	3 110	2 959	2 844	2 700	2 544	52	17	263	1 373	891	1 919
N03AA02 phenobarbital	2 884	2 718	2 574	2 426	2 270	52	16	232	1 237	785	1 404

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N03AA03 primidone	243	255	284	288	287	51	<5	31	141	114	515
N03AB Hydantoin derivatives	2 486	2 332	2 218	2 051	1 938	43	25	231	1 084	598	930
N03AB02 phenytoin	2 485	2 332	2 217	2 051	1 937	43	25	231	1 084	597	926
N03AB05 fosphenytoin	<5	0	<5	0	<5	100	0	0	0	<5	5
N03AD Succinimide derivatives	110	116	139	149	173	65	79	69	21	<5	1 305
N03AD01 ethosuximide	110	116	139	149	173	65	79	69	21	<5	1 305
N03AE Benzodiazepine derivatives	13 991	13 927	13 712	13 528	13 005	54	169	3 696	6 714	2 426	6 648
N03AE01 clonazepam	13 991	13 927	13 712	13 528	13 005	54	169	3 696	6 714	2 426	6 648
N03AF Carboxamide derivatives	21 523	20 748	20 004	19 238	18 449	46	732	5 153	9 080	3 484	31 731
N03AF01 carbamazepine	19 480	18 586	17 750	16 830	15 931	47	417	4 149	8 180	3 185	15 086
N03AF02 oxcarbazepine	2 104	2 173	2 236	2 298	2 375	43	319	887	867	302	9 718
N03AF03 rufinamide	41	80	96	96	97	36	24	64	8	<5	2 554
N03AF04 eslicarbazepine	0	0	<5	205	213	53	<5	113	86	13	4 373
N03AG Fatty acid derivatives	12 756	13 320	13 867	14 184	14 347	45	1 587	5 895	5 680	1 185	31 675
N03AG01 valproic acid	12 656	13 227	13 786	14 111	14 279	45	1 566	5 873	5 655	1 185	30 833
N03AG04 vigabatrin	120	127	114	100	88	56	35	27	26	0	590
N03AG06 tiagabine	19	15	12	11	13	38	<5	6	6	0	252
N03AX Other antiepileptics	50 441	57 604	61 469	66 054	71 876	59	1 867	24 498	32 533	12 978	321 527
N03AX03 sultiame	51	54	64	98	130	43	94	33	<5	0	825
N03AX09 lamotrigine	18 798	20 820	22 368	23 711	24 878	59	1 061	12 446	9 272	2 099	91 209
N03AX10 felbamate	23	24	25	23	21	29	<5	14	<5	0	432
N03AX11 topiramate	2 975	3 051	3 039	3 060	3 047	69	265	1 664	1 012	106	15 091
N03AX12 gabapentin	7 483	14 682	20 412	24 447	26 607	60	50	5 837	13 925	6 795	41 977
N03AX14 levetiracetam	3 496	4 320	4 977	5 539	6 101	49	595	2 431	2 193	882	60 493
N03AX15 zonisamide	298	349	444	457	473	56	60	267	130	16	6 604
N03AX16 pregabalin	21 046	20 274	17 120	15 264	16 891	59	10	4 101	8 768	4 012	98 399
N03AX17 stiripentol	0	0	19	33	30	37	21	9	0	0	1 637
N03AX18 lacosamide	0	0	122	262	341	52	17	194	117	13	4 799
N03AX21 retigabine	0	0	0	0	18	56	<5	14	<5	0	60
N04 ANTI-PARKINSON DRUGS	17 101	17 191	17 238	17 787	18 177	51	16	1 569	7 891	8 701	131 133
N04A ANTICHOLINERGIC AGENTS	3 271	3 162	3 034	2 915	2 807	50	6	655	1 704	442	1 619
N04AA Tertiary amines	3 205	3 104	2 991	2 880	2 772	50	6	653	1 678	435	1 534
N04AA01 trihexyphenidyl	19	15	15	22	23	52	5	7	9	<5	154
N04AA02 biperiden	3 182	3 085	2 971	2 854	2 746	50	<5	646	1 668	431	1 374
N04AA04 procyclidine	<5	<5	5	<5	<5	50	0	0	<5	<5	6
N04AB Ethers chemically close to antihistamines	81	65	48	40	38	66	0	<5	29	7	85

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N04AB02 orphenadrine (chloride)	81	65	48	40	38	66	0	<5	29	7	85
N04B DOPAMINERGIC AGENTS	13 906	14 096	14 267	14 940	15 436	51	10	918	6 218	8 290	129 514
N04BA Dopa and dopa derivatives	7 602	7 606	7 716	7 906	8 015	44	10	110	2 361	5 534	64 288
N04BA02 levodopa and decarboxylase inhibitor	7 067	6 995	7 051	7 180	7 277	45	10	102	2 058	5 107	47 136
N04BA03 levodopa, decarboxylase inhibitor and COMT inhibitor	1 133	1 255	1 358	1 448	1 395	36	0	13	600	782	17 152
N04BB Adamantane derivatives	116	111	114	114	123	59	0	38	78	7	483
N04BB01 amantadine	116	111	114	114	123	59	0	38	78	7	483
N04BC Dopamine agonists	8 302	8 542	8 784	9 442	9 976	53	0	800	5 056	4 120	45 184
N04BC01 bromocriptine	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	15
N04BC02 pergolide	<5	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
N04BC04 ropinirole	1 820	1 842	2 316	2 665	2 667	45	0	171	1 482	1 014	17 366
N04BC05 pramipexole	5 919	6 236	6 258	6 501	6 946	56	0	636	3 429	2 881	18 084
N04BC06 cabergoline	796	514	322	209	177	51	0	8	54	115	702
N04BC07 apomorphine	13	18	19	18	21	33	0	<5	9	11	2 736
N04BC09 rotigotine	232	393	427	517	541	44	0	15	291	235	6 281
N04BD Monoamine oxidase B inhibitors	2 414	2 571	2 862	3 184	3 339	38	0	39	1 700	1 600	18 272
N04BD01 selegiline	2 099	2 081	2 116	2 126	2 087	38	0	21	1 075	991	3 022
N04BD02 rasagiline	405	575	864	1 183	1 329	38	0	20	666	643	15 250
N04BX Other dopaminergic agents	341	287	230	192	152	46	0	<5	56	95	1 287
N04BX01 tolcapone	15	13	13	11	11	27	0	0	<5	8	97
N04BX02 entacapone	327	274	218	181	141	48	0	<5	53	87	1 190
N05 PSYCHOLEPTICS	603 189	611 554	616 962	614 374	618 238	63	9 012	139 605	279 654	189 967	564 483
N05A ANTIPSYCHOTICS	105 763	104 087	104 081	104 075	104 345	56	848	35 261	46 564	21 672	281 276
N05AA Phenothiazines with aliphatic side-chain	29 896	26 862	25 877	24 617	23 179	57	12	6 362	12 005	4 800	9 011
N05AA01 chlorpromazine	3 952	702	492	439	389	57	<5	170	163	55	779
N05AA02 levomepromazine	26 807	26 247	25 435	24 212	22 825	57	11	6 203	11 863	4 748	8 232
N05AB Phenothiazines with piperazine structure	23 022	20 902	19 829	18 276	17 123	68	13	3 702	7 206	6 202	8 763
N05AB01 dixyrazine	620	76	54	32	<5	50	0	<5	<5	0	1
N05AB02 fluphenazine	89	59	27	22	20	55	0	0	11	9	50
N05AB03 perphenazine	6 182	5 993	5 736	5 423	5 083	58	<5	1 188	2 916	978	6 349
N05AB04 prochlorperazine	16 340	14 841	14 075	12 860	12 074	72	12	2 521	4 307	5 234	2 359
N05AB06 trifluoperazine	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	50	0	0	0	<5	5
N05AC Phenothiazines with piperidine structure	85	79	70	62	61	56	0	5	34	22	218

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N05AC01 periciazine	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	100	0	0	<5	0	2
N05AC02 thioridazine	77	73	66	58	57	54	0	5	31	21	171
N05AC04 pipotiazine	6	5	<5	<5	<5	67	0	0	<5	<5	45
N05AD Butyrophenone derivatives	4 830	4 735	4 473	4 275	4 085	54	9	424	1 456	2 196	1 467
N05AD01 haloperidol	4 819	4 725	4 466	4 269	4 079	54	9	422	1 454	2 194	1 459
N05AD03 melperone	11	10	7	6	6	50	0	<5	<5	<5	9
N05AE Indole derivatives	1 463	1 383	1 302	1 164	1 033	59	<5	517	470	42	14 532
N05AE03 sertindole	119	165	186	161	138	55	0	96	42	0	1 494
N05AE04 ziprasidone	1 355	1 231	1 118	1 006	897	60	<5	422	429	42	13 038
N05AF Thioxanthene derivatives	24 177	24 515	24 245	23 752	22 931	55	27	7 939	11 295	3 670	11 077
N05AF01 flupentixol	5 519	5 381	5 006	4 918	4 621	67	<5	1 150	2 397	1 073	2 499
N05AF03 chlorprothixene	16 186	16 666	17 012	16 658	16 266	53	25	6 381	7 748	2 112	6 184
N05AF05 zuclopenthixol	3 198	3 156	2 908	2 822	2 660	51	<5	639	1 478	542	2 394
N05AG Diphenylbutylpiperidine derivatives	172	165	142	135	139	32	6	71	46	16	313
N05AG02 pimozone	138	133	116	118	117	33	6	60	38	13	264
N05AG03 penfluridol	34	33	27	17	22	27	0	11	8	<5	49
N05AH Diazepines, oxazepines, thiazepines and oxepines	24 918	26 510	28 510	31 688	35 235	51	105	16 516	14 921	3 693	122 313
N05AH02 clozapine	2 099	2 185	2 299	2 362	2 398	38	0	1 204	1 120	74	9 209
N05AH03 olanzapine	15 644	15 960	16 068	15 799	15 753	48	28	6 466	7 172	2 087	58 897
N05AH04 quetiapine	8 314	9 547	11 509	15 094	18 863	56	80	9 868	7 300	1 615	54 207
N05AL Benzamides	665	589	580	548	527	45	<5	277	224	23	3 635
N05AL01 sulpiride	<5	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
N05AL03 tiapride	9	7	5	7	7	43	<5	<5	<5	<5	56
N05AL05 amisulpride	655	582	575	541	520	45	<5	274	223	22	3 578
N05AN Lithium	7 717	7 927	7 995	7 877	7 725	56	<5	2 234	4 338	1 151	9 671
N05AN01 lithium	7 717	7 927	7 995	7 877	7 725	56	<5	2 234	4 338	1 151	9 671
N05AX Other antipsychotics	10 222	10 930	11 445	12 299	12 801	48	717	5 818	4 191	2 075	100 275
N05AX07 prothipendyl	0	0	0	0	<5	100	0	<5	<5	0	2
N05AX08 risperidone	7 896	8 158	8 150	8 255	8 364	47	604	3 054	2 779	1 927	45 651
N05AX12 aripiprazole	2 611	3 055	3 624	4 379	4 743	51	147	2 946	1 491	159	54 280
N05AX13 paliperidone	0	0	0	0	37	27	0	31	5	<5	343
N05B ANXIOLYTICS	285 149	285 503	282 069	277 880	273 938	65	3 609	62 584	127 720	80 025	107 031
N05BA Benzodiazepine derivatives	264 682	265 344	261 073	255 446	250 009	65	3 166	53 433	118 551	74 859	93 615
N05BA01 diazepam	145 984	143 631	138 282	132 588	128 251	63	3 029	26 671	61 321	37 230	47 618
N05BA02 chlordiazepoxide	6	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	4
N05BA04 oxazepam	130 709	134 012	134 702	133 963	131 920	67	45	29 380	61 764	40 731	38 613

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N05BA06 lorazepam	34	18	20	21	30	60	0	12	7	11	80
N05BA08 bromazepam	8	5	7	5	6	67	0	0	<5	<5	30
N05BA09 clobazam	532	547	558	615	645	52	203	315	120	7	1 809
N05BA12 alprazolam	4 680	4 631	4 521	4 340	4 023	48	<5	1 647	1 945	429	5 461
N05BB Diphenylmethane derivatives	27 098	27 294	28 280	30 163	31 956	62	445	11 441	13 004	7 066	8 834
N05BB01 hydroxyzine	27 098	27 294	28 280	30 163	31 956	62	445	11 441	13 004	7 066	8 834
N05BC Carbamates	10	9	10	6	7	71	0	0	0	7	17
N05BC01 meprobamate	10	9	10	6	7	71	0	0	0	7	17
N05BE Azaspirodecanedione derivatives	3 025	2 808	2 394	2 345	2 371	59	<5	819	1 203	347	4 565
N05BE01 buspiron	3 025	2 808	2 394	2 345	2 371	59	<5	819	1 203	347	4 565
N05C HYPNOTICS AND SEDATIVES	385 861	397 070	405 810	406 159	411 013	65	5 450	79 079	185 227	141 257	176 176
N05CA Barbiturates, plain	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	2
N05CA04 barbital	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	2
N05CD Benzodiazepine derivatives	49 522	46 685	44 520	41 807	39 247	60	781	7 240	15 442	15 784	19 823
N05CD01 flurazepam	24	22	20	17	16	50	0	0	10	6	48
N05CD02 nitrazepam	39 705	37 541	35 856	33 406	31 309	61	339	5 641	12 425	12 904	9 886
N05CD03 flunitrazepam	10 179	9 223	8 479	7 690	6 970	55	<5	1 161	3 002	2 804	4 851
N05CD04 estazolam	<5	<5	<5	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
N05CD05 triazolam	99	103	105	115	98	60	0	23	39	36	102
N05CD08 midazolam	639	831	1 071	1 493	1 758	47	539	671	335	213	4 936
N05CF Benzodiazepine related drugs	341 196	346 261	351 044	349 539	352 252	66	76	60 465	165 502	126 209	125 726
N05CF01 zopiclone	303 779	306 246	308 363	305 045	306 079	66	57	48 423	143 160	114 439	108 887
N05CF02 zolpidem	48 400	51 245	53 835	55 244	56 944	66	21	14 899	27 215	14 809	16 839
N05CF03 zaleplon	5	5	7	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
N05CH Melatonin receptor agonists	12 427	29 906	38 868	42 795	48 421	60	4 798	19 460	18 024	6 139	28 334
N05CH01 melatonin	12 427	29 906	38 868	42 795	48 421	60	4 798	19 460	18 024	6 139	28 334
N05CM Other hypnotics and sedatives	1 762	1 899	1 944	2 109	2 131	46	0	176	581	1 374	2 290
N05CM02 clomethiazole	1 736	1 843	1 870	2 048	2 057	46	0	171	552	1 334	2 163
N05CM05 scopolamine	24	57	77	65	75	52	0	<5	29	42	123
N05CM11 bromides	<5	0	0	0	<5	100	0	<5	0	0	4
N05CM18 dexmedetomidine	<5	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
N06 PSYCHOANALEPTICS	315 835	319 757	325 941	333 132	340 991	63	10 930	113 867	142 190	74 004	548 373
N06A ANTIDEPRESSANTS	286 775	288 418	292 396	297 122	303 722	66	625	98 601	139 656	64 840	283 544

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N06AA Non-selective monoamine reuptake inhibitors	58 357	59 391	60 237	61 907	63 092	71	84	15 432	33 546	14 030	25 348
N06AA02 imipramine	40	47	34	26	22	50	<5	<5	9	7	86
N06AA04 clomipramine	3 594	3 455	3 276	3 080	2 907	70	7	549	1 662	689	2 305
N06AA05 opipramol	<5	5	5	6	6	50	0	0	<5	5	14
N06AA06 trimipramine	13 344	12 628	11 930	11 431	10 943	69	7	2 139	5 594	3 203	6 967
N06AA07 lofepramine	18	18	15	13	12	67	0	<5	8	<5	93
N06AA09 amitriptyline	36 529	38 809	40 585	43 085	45 312	72	64	12 282	24 636	8 330	13 189
N06AA10 nortriptyline	1 548	1 651	1 837	2 104	1 983	69	<5	500	954	528	728
N06AA12 doxepin	4 065	3 580	3 348	3 017	2 749	70	<5	208	1 125	1 415	1 964
N06AA21 maprotiline	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	100	0	0	<5	0	3
N06AB Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors	174 898	176 994	178 930	180 611	183 995	66	499	64 919	80 597	37 980	151 653
N06AB03 fluoxetine	8 632	8 827	9 010	9 289	9 632	76	175	5 357	3 444	656	14 432
N06AB04 citalopram	38 146	35 572	32 885	30 679	29 139	68	5	7 089	13 970	8 075	20 163
N06AB05 paroxetine	19 820	18 698	17 508	16 895	16 172	69	<5	3 408	8 802	3 959	15 846
N06AB06 sertraline	26 545	26 040	26 427	26 384	27 178	66	310	10 339	11 452	5 077	27 355
N06AB08 fluvoxamine	663	653	620	603	586	56	<5	230	287	68	1 155
N06AB10 escitalopram	87 524	93 703	98 493	102 626	107 161	65	24	41 015	44 921	21 201	72 702
N06AF Monoamine oxidase inhibitors, non-selective	117	110	111	111	102	61	0	26	58	18	993
N06AF03 phenelzine	108	100	102	102	94	59	0	23	54	17	623
N06AF04 tranlycypromine	9	10	9	9	9	78	0	<5	<5	<5	370
N06AG Monoamine oxidase A inhibitors	1 204	1 081	965	880	853	64	<5	189	481	182	1 901
N06AG02 moclobemide	1 204	1 081	965	880	853	64	<5	189	481	182	1 901
N06AX Other antidepressants	90 985	88 987	90 568	92 850	95 454	60	50	30 258	43 524	21 622	103 650
N06AX01 oxitriptan	217	187	244	261	308	78	15	175	111	7	330
N06AX02 tryptophan	<5	11	5	<5	<5	100	0	<5	<5	0	4
N06AX03 mianserin	33 187	32 133	31 289	30 307	29 475	62	19	7 116	13 844	8 496	11 366
N06AX05 trazodone	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	100	0	0	<5	0	4
N06AX06 nefazodone	55	48	43	42	36	44	0	<5	31	<5	260
N06AX11 mirtazapine	27 888	28 798	30 394	31 458	33 329	57	15	9 605	14 078	9 631	33 584
N06AX12 bupropion	4 434	3 892	5 978	7 641	8 808	58	<5	4 232	3 967	608	13 658
N06AX14 tianeptine	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0	<5	<5	0	140
N06AX16 venlafaxine	28 833	28 349	28 734	28 791	29 238	62	<5	11 017	14 046	4 174	33 146
N06AX18 reboxetine	591	569	530	512	424	65	0	208	177	39	976
N06AX21 duloxetine	4 988	3 945	2 419	2 804	3 021	68	0	959	1 607	455	9 926
N06AX22 agomelatine	0	0	0	28	22	73	0	8	12	<5	255

ATC group N

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
N06B PSYCHOSTIMULANTS, AGENTS USED FOR ADHD AND NOOTROPICS	22 516	25 207	27 837	30 080	31 221	36	10 428	18 154	2 496	143	194 948
N06BA Centrally acting sympathomimetics	22 152	24 862	27 490	29 711	30 821	36	10 416	17 919	2 379	107	194 337
N06BA01 amfetamine	178	221	269	303	336	46	20	222	80	14	3 120
N06BA02 dexamfetamine	722	857	1 024	1 167	1 285	43	81	883	297	24	13 536
N06BA04 methylphenidate	19 200	21 769	24 240	26 471	27 302	36	9 764	15 628	1 853	57	140 982
N06BA07 modafinil	272	288	291	329	349	62	7	198	128	16	4 158
N06BA09 atomoxetine	3 184	3 246	3 213	3 055	3 108	33	1 127	1 830	151	0	32 542
N06BC Xanthine derivatives	327	294	281	285	326	45	5	203	90	28	132
N06BC01 caffeine	327	294	281	285	326	45	5	203	90	28	132
N06BX Other psychostimulants and nootropics	43	57	75	102	86	48	7	40	31	8	479
N06BX03 piracetam	43	49	65	77	70	46	<5	31	28	8	267
N06BX13 idebenone	0	8	10	8	10	80	<5	6	0	0	206
N06BX17 adrafinil	0	0	0	18	6	17	0	<5	<5	0	5
N06D ANTI-DEMENTIA DRUGS	13 484	13 367	13 343	14 174	14 758	63	<5	116	1 382	13 256	69 881
N06DA Anticholinesterases	12 430	12 377	12 371	12 920	12 850	63	0	5	1 179	11 666	53 121
N06DA02 donepezil	10 033	9 837	9 243	8 920	8 530	65	0	<5	721	7 805	26 170
N06DA03 rivastigmine	1 773	2 161	2 974	3 935	4 303	60	0	<5	459	3 843	23 608
N06DA04 galantamine	890	694	558	502	395	58	0	0	54	341	3 343
N06DX Other anti-dementia drugs	1 616	1 501	1 538	1 969	3 028	61	<5	111	372	2 541	16 760
N06DX01 memantine	1 616	1 501	1 538	1 816	2 835	60	0	<5	294	2 537	16 656
N06DX02 ginkgo biloba	0	0	0	153	193	81	<5	107	78	<5	104
N07 OTHER NERVOUS SYSTEM DRUGS	34 308	42 737	46 047	47 188	48 463	48	10	18 088	27 656	2 709	242 246
N07A PARASYMPATHOMIMETICS	750	743	721	660	684	68	<5	110	343	229	2 230
N07AA Anticholinesterases	484	476	493	509	523	62	<5	100	223	198	1 070
N07AA02 pyridostigmine	482	476	492	505	519	62	<5	99	222	196	1 065
N07AA30 ambenonium	0	0	<5	<5	<5	100	0	<5	<5	<5	4
N07AA51 neostigmine, combinations	<5	0	0	<5	<5	100	0	0	<5	<5	1
N07AB Choline esters	153	149	112	22	33	70	0	<5	22	10	70
N07AB01 carbachol	153	149	112	22	33	70	0	<5	22	10	70
N07AX Other parasympathomimetics	122	129	123	130	131	93	0	9	101	21	1 090
N07AX01 pilocarpine	122	129	123	130	131	93	0	9	101	21	1 090
N07B DRUGS USED IN ADDICTIVE DISORDERS	32 861	41 283	44 559	45 751	46 709	48	<5	17 795	26 669	2 241	223 730
N07BA Drugs used in nicotine dependence	23 368	31 433	34 174	34 822	35 023	54	<5	12 110	20 966	1 945	48 995

ATC group N

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
N07BA01 nicotine ¹⁾	770	770	769	906	999	50	0	130	620	249	642
N07BA03 varenicline	22 656	30 731	33 475	34 002	34 115	54	<5	11 996	20 411	1 706	48 352
N07BB Drugs used in alcohol dependence	4 867	4 990	4 984	4 866	4 953	29	<5	1 601	3 088	262	3 627
N07BB01 disulfiram	4 066	4 464	4 533	4 450	4 541	29	0	1 487	2 806	248	2 786
N07BB03 acamprosate	629	584	550	526	543	32	0	152	374	17	774
N07BB04 naltrexone	362	119	26	19	17	59	<5	7	6	<5	68
N07BC Drugs used in opioid dependence	4 853	5 164	5 709	6 375	7 065	30	0	4 211	2 809	45	171 109
N07BC01 buprenorphine	1 907	1 719	1 981	2 133	2 272	31	0	1 478	792	<5	54 100
N07BC02 methadone ²⁾	2 852	2 956	3 146	3 345	3 657	32	0	1 890	1 724	43	92 489
N07BC51 buprenorphine, combinations	970	1 156	1 194	1 562	1 759	26	0	1 303	456	0	24 520
N07C ANTIVERTIGO PREPARATIONS	408	413	421	424	454	64	<5	85	259	106	1 186
N07CA Antivertigo preparations	408	413	421	424	454	64	<5	85	259	106	1 186
N07CA01 betahistine	404	401	410	413	438	64	0	77	255	106	1 160
N07CA03 flunarizine	<5	12	11	11	16	69	<5	8	<5	0	26
N07X OTHER NERVOUS SYSTEM DRUGS	310	311	361	366	644	46	0	103	406	135	15 099
N07XX Other nervous system drugs	310	311	361	366	644	46	0	103	406	135	15 099
N07XX02 riluzole	252	253	286	278	294	34	0	16	164	114	7 712
N07XX04 sodium oxybate	26	28	33	49	58	57	0	40	15	<5	4 096
N07XX06 tetrabenazine	32	30	42	37	35	46	0	<5	24	7	694
N07XX07 fampridine	0	0	0	<5	257	58	0	43	203	11	2 597

¹⁾The ATC level comprises OTC medicinal products. The number of individuals is registered for prescription sales only.

²⁾The figures only include methadone dispensed according to prescription from the pharmacies. Patients may also receive methadone dispensed according to special arrangements in the health regions.

3.14 ATC group P – Antiparasitic products, insecticides and repellents

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
P ANTIPARASITIC PRODUCTS, INSECTICIDES AND REPELLENTS	88 000	89 343	86 714	88 743	92 281	63	3 186	42 467	36 347	10 281	33 169
P01 ANTIPROTOZOALS	84 808	86 259	83 638	85 626	88 913	64	2 009	40 983	35 789	10 132	31 629
P01A AGENTS AGAINST AMOEBIASIS AND OTHER PROTOZOAL DISEASES	51 756	53 345	54 583	55 588	57 277	66	604	25 312	23 277	8 084	6 308
P01AB Nitroimidazole derivatives	51 753	53 340	54 576	55 587	57 276	66	604	25 312	23 276	8 084	6 285
P01AB01 metronidazole	51 753	53 340	54 571	55 540	57 223	66	604	25 281	23 254	8 084	6 241
P01AB02 tinidazole	0	0	7	6	9	44	0	<5	6	0	15
P01AB03 ornidazole	0	0	0	46	73	71	0	45	28	0	28
P01AC Dichloroacetamide derivatives	10	6	13	<5	11	27	0	<5	7	<5	23
P01AC01 diloxanide	10	6	13	<5	11	27	0	<5	7	<5	23
P01AX Other agents against amoebiasis and other protozoal diseases	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
P01AX05 mepacrine	0	<5	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
P01AX11 nitazoxanide	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
P01B ANTIMALARIALS	33 687	33 502	29 645	30 716	32 446	59	1 411	16 075	12 864	2 096	25 321
P01BA Aminoquinolines	8 698	7 804	5 421	5 684	5 912	82	37	1 591	3 350	934	3 402
P01BA01 chloroquine	4 219	2 630	40	21	17	65	0	7	8	<5	13
P01BA02 hydroxychloroquine	4 485	5 211	5 371	5 661	5 897	82	37	1 584	3 343	933	3 389
P01BA03 primaquine	8	17	12	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
P01BB Biguanides	20 830	21 153	19 494	20 468	21 918	53	947	11 919	8 257	795	19 762
P01BB01 proguanil	340	62	22	11	7	71	0	<5	<5	<5	5
P01BB51 proguanil, combinations	20 512	21 096	19 476	20 459	21 913	53	947	11 917	8 255	794	19 756
P01BC Methanolquinolines	5 013	5 056	5 044	4 802	4 841	59	432	2 715	1 324	370	2 157
P01BC01 quinine	621	595	629	569	473	66	0	17	192	264	266
P01BC02 mefloquine	4 392	4 463	4 415	4 235	4 368	58	432	2 698	1 132	106	1 891
P01BD Diaminopyrimidines	5	<5	5	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
P01BD01 pyrimethamine	5	<5	5	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
P01BF Artemisinin and derivatives, combinations	0	0	0	<5	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	1
P01BF01 artemether and lumefantrine	0	0	0	<5	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	1
P01C AGENTS AGAINST LEISHMANIASIS AND TRYPANOSOMIASIS	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
P01CX Other agents against leishmaniasis and trypanosomiasis	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0

ATC group P

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
P01CX01 pentamidine isethionate	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
P02 ANTHELMINTICS	2 025	2 008	2 047	2 107	2 222	56	1 041	778	314	89	1 037
P02B ANTITREMATODALS	11	16	19	26	41	54	<5	26	10	<5	139
P02BA Quinoline derivatives and related substances	11	16	19	26	41	54	<5	26	10	<5	139
P02BA01 praziquantel	11	16	19	26	41	54	<5	26	10	<5	139
P02C ANTINEMATODAL AGENTS	1 997	1 985	2 016	2 068	2 169	56	1 029	748	306	86	878
P02CA Benzimidazole derivatives	1 861	1 853	1 870	1 900	2 002	55	984	655	283	80	808
P02CA01 mebendazole	1 845	1 835	1 847	1 877	1 958	55	978	628	274	78	376
P02CA03 albendazole	17	18	24	23	45	56	6	27	9	<5	433
P02CF Avermectines	41	43	47	62	58	60	<5	37	17	<5	54
P02CF01 ivermectin	41	43	47	62	58	60	<5	37	17	<5	54
P02CX Other antinematodals	117	103	114	120	119	69	46	62	7	<5	16
P02CX01 pyrvinium	117	103	114	120	119	69	46	62	7	<5	16
P02D ANTICESTODALS	20	10	18	18	26	42	10	10	<5	<5	20
P02DA Salicylic acid derivatives	20	10	18	18	26	42	10	10	<5	<5	20
P02DA01 niclosamide	20	10	18	18	26	42	10	10	<5	<5	20
P03 ECTOPARASITICIDES, INCL. SCABICIDES, INSECTICIDES AND REPELLENTS	1 283	1 216	1 157	1 176	1 297	51	151	803	278	65	503
P03A ECTOPARASITICIDES, INCL. SCABICIDES	1 283	1 216	1 157	1 176	1 297	51	151	803	278	65	503
P03AC Pyrethrines, incl. synthetic compounds	1 139	1 126	1 085	1 093	1 222	50	143	762	254	63	476
P03AC04 permethrin ¹⁾	1 139	1 126	1 085	1 093	1 222	50	143	762	254	63	476
P03AX Other ectoparasiticides, incl. scabicides	152	97	77	86	82	62	10	44	25	<5	27
P03AX01 benzyl benzoate ¹⁾	38	36	18	24	28	50	<5	17	8	<5	13
P03AX03 malathion ¹⁾	114	61	59	62	54	69	8	27	17	<5	15

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3.15 ATC group R – Respiratory system

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15–44	45–69	≥70							
R RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	1 153 020	1 151 929	1 183 767	1 183 735	1 223 304	56	182 251	448 141	430 104	162 808	1 478 331
R01 NASAL PREPARATIONS	330 852	333 006	348 415	353 908	364 573	57	33 138	172 274	129 858	29 303	115 950
R01A DECONGESTANTS AND OTHER NASAL PREPARATIONS FOR TOPICAL USE	274 863	278 007	294 861	297 143	307 047	55	31 687	140 353	108 438	26 569	110 095
R01AA Sympathomimetics, plain	4 595	4 204	3 803	4 017	3 672	54	1 052	1 364	860	396	269
R01AA05 oxymetazoline ¹⁾	1 895	1 734	1 550	1 802	1 781	55	756	605	306	114	113
R01AA07 xylometazoline ¹⁾	2 722	2 483	2 264	2 233	1 899	53	301	760	556	282	157
R01AB Sympathomimetics, combinations excl. corticosteroids	0	1 124	514	602	602	59	17	283	204	98	72
R01AB06 xylometazoline ¹⁾	0	1 124	514	602	602	59	17	283	204	98	72
R01AC Antiallergic agents, excl. corticosteroids	47 363	44 711	44 853	39 407	40 938	56	11 078	19 513	8 818	1 529	10 872
R01AC01 cromoglicic acid ¹⁾	11 764	10 718	10 197	8 772	8 704	60	1 981	4 155	2 225	343	2 268
R01AC02 levocabastine ¹⁾	35 661	34 025	34 686	30 659	32 360	55	9 187	15 390	6 598	1 185	8 576
R01AC03 azelastine ¹⁾	303	261	227	198	127	55	17	59	39	12	27
R01AD Corticosteroids	229 612	234 552	252 559	259 097	267 878	55	20 808	122 280	100 119	24 671	98 494
R01AD01 beclometasone	2 395	2 228	1 943	11	<5	0	0	0	0	<5	1
R01AD04 flunisolide	4 527	4 133	2 634	11	9	78	0	0	6	<5	16
R01AD05 budesonide	46 628	43 762	39 753	34 996	32 641	56	1 997	13 032	14 036	3 576	12 176
R01AD08 fluticasone	34 290	32 446	27 939	24 352	22 506	55	1 095	8 582	10 058	2 771	9 250
R01AD09 mometasone	133 991	142 288	143 465	141 114	144 388	55	10 256	65 680	54 642	13 810	54 748
R01AD11 triamcinolone	14 824	13 593	11 025	9 687	8 711	57	501	3 651	3 624	935	3 571
R01AD12 fluticasone furoate	0	3 945	38 322	60 417	70 202	55	7 546	36 060	22 039	4 557	18 732
R01AX Other nasal preparations	439	459	572	630	727	54	44	183	215	285	387
R01AX03 ipratropium bromide	266	264	302	355	422	52	<5	42	131	248	279
R01AX06 mupirocin	173	195	270	276	305	56	43	141	84	37	108
R01B NASAL DECONGESTANTS FOR SYSTEMIC USE	75 595	75 926	75 490	81 771	83 155	66	1 860	45 954	31 392	3 949	5 856
R01BA Sympathomimetics	75 595	75 926	75 490	81 771	83 155	66	1 860	45 954	31 392	3 949	5 856
R01BA01 phenylpropanolamine	75 595	75 926	75 490	81 771	83 155	66	1 860	45 954	31 392	3 949	5 856
R03 DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES	395 713	397 839	419 367	423 205	418 073	53	96 201	109 030	142 463	70 379	1 122 844
R03A ADRENERGICS, INHALANTS	309 383	309 382	328 513	335 492	347 882	54	61 878	99 209	126 503	60 292	726 159
R03AA Alpha- and beta-adrenoreceptor agonists	196	185	181	209	246	39	223	17	5	<5	261
R03AA01 epinephrine	196	185	181	209	246	39	223	17	5	<5	261
R03AC Selective beta-2-adrenoreceptor agonists	230 949	230 012	244 326	249 080	258 818	54	58 527	75 352	85 609	39 330	146 475

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ATC group R

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
R03AC02 salbutamol	171 637	175 373	190 768	198 277	208 507	54	56 471	59 757	64 036	28 243	80 990
R03AC03 terbutaline	43 401	39 227	38 318	35 556	34 145	57	1 984	13 315	13 497	5 349	14 706
R03AC04 fenoterol	22	23	17	17	16	50	0	<5	11	<5	63
R03AC12 salmeterol	11 119	10 847	10 555	10 563	9 698	55	223	1 053	4 593	3 829	17 610
R03AC13 formoterol	18 706	17 310	16 879	16 627	15 454	55	348	3 475	7 377	4 254	24 355
R03AC18 indacaterol	0	0	0	713	4 814	46	<5	150	2 566	2 097	8 751
R03AK Adrenergics and other drugs for obstructive airway diseases	154 830	155 451	164 536	168 450	175 100	55	11 158	48 561	76 829	38 552	579 423
R03AK04 salbutamol and other drugs for obstructive airway diseases	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
R03AK06 salmeterol and other drugs for obstructive airway diseases	87 858	86 941	90 149	90 997	94 179	55	8 874	23 160	39 884	22 261	330 449
R03AK07 formoterol and other drugs for obstructive airway diseases	69 903	71 382	77 502	80 699	84 161	56	2 399	26 285	38 476	17 001	248 974
R03B OTHER DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES, INHALANTS	132 674	134 223	140 443	146 450	149 785	51	44 328	20 654	49 138	35 665	256 689
R03BA Glucocorticoids	87 587	85 762	88 434	91 633	92 753	50	44 083	17 693	21 351	9 626	84 720
R03BA01 beclometasone	4 906	4 825	4 729	4 380	4 075	55	818	1 004	1 529	724	3 675
R03BA02 budesonide	31 522	26 377	25 860	25 066	23 192	56	3 537	6 019	8 947	4 689	31 460
R03BA05 fluticasone	53 850	56 192	59 302	62 013	64 089	47	40 845	9 853	9 585	3 806	45 470
R03BA07 mometasone	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
R03BA08 ciclesonide	0	0	0	1 874	3 476	58	249	1 059	1 623	545	4 115
R03BB Anticholinergics	50 704	53 722	57 032	60 133	62 620	52	689	3 456	30 229	28 246	171 685
R03BB01 ipratropium bromide	41 598	41 832	39 555	38 289	35 877	56	688	2 950	16 183	16 056	44 786
R03BB04 tiotropium bromide	12 510	16 714	22 767	27 429	32 809	48	<5	595	16 854	15 356	126 899
R03BC Antiallergic agents, excl. corticosteroids	633	539	521	454	430	65	23	178	188	41	284
R03BC01 cromoglicic acid	633	539	521	454	430	65	23	178	188	41	284
R03C ADRENERGICS FOR SYSTEMIC USE	65 153	67 040	68 733	63 272	40 580	49	31 671	3 760	3 795	1 354	5 307
R03CA Alpha- and beta-adrenoreceptor agonists	50 378	53 610	55 608	49 364	23 991	49	18 217	2 606	2 452	716	3 352
R03CA02 ephedrine	50 378	53 610	55 608	49 364	23 991	49	18 217	2 606	2 452	716	3 352
R03CC Selective beta-2-adrenoreceptor agonists	17 449	16 509	16 104	16 917	17 886	48	14 708	1 172	1 366	640	1 955
R03CC02 salbutamol	5 885	5 091	4 877	4 731	4 844	47	4 074	336	299	135	357
R03CC03 terbutaline	11 467	11 420	11 149	12 109	12 968	48	10 763	813	955	437	1 367
R03CC12 bambuterol	222	227	238	245	210	60	0	28	114	68	232

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
R03D OTHER SYSTEMIC DRUGS FOR OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAY DISEASES	37 528	39 324	40 012	41 123	42 178	55	9 444	10 617	15 766	6 351	134 690
R03DA Xanthines	6 529	5 938	5 287	4 785	4 300	59	<5	239	2 122	1 937	3 278
R03DA02 choline theophyllinate	13	12	8	10	6	100	0	0	6	0	42
R03DA04 theophylline	6 499	5 916	5 272	4 768	4 288	59	<5	237	2 113	1 936	3 105
R03DA05 aminophylline	37	29	26	19	19	79	0	<5	14	<5	131
R03DC Leukotriene receptor antagonists	32 110	34 436	35 710	37 220	38 266	55	9 439	10 453	13 927	4 447	113 622
R03DC01 zafirlukast	32	28	25	22	22	59	0	<5	14	5	217
R03DC03 montelukast	32 079	34 409	35 686	37 199	38 244	55	9 439	10 450	13 913	4 442	113 405
R03DX Other systemic drugs for obstructive airway diseases	34	44	53	145	751	51	9	82	377	283	17 790
R03DX05 omalizumab	34	44	53	84	133	57	9	75	48	<5	16 304
R03DX07 roflumilast	0	0	0	61	620	49	0	8	330	282	1 486
R05 COUGH AND COLD PREPARATIONS	389 460	373 473	385 149	382 370	422 375	59	38 302	143 219	165 594	75 260	68 995
R05C EXPECTORANTS, EXCL. COMBINATIONS WITH COUGH SUPPRESSANTS	125 939	126 488	133 512	135 839	147 139	58	8 465	34 705	61 702	42 267	33 424
R05CA Expectorants	3 571	3 135	3 334	3 671	4 351	55	1 933	1 010	857	551	303
R05CA10 combinations ¹⁾	3 571	3 135	3 334	3 671	4 351	55	1 933	1 010	857	551	303
R05CB Mucolytics	122 993	123 898	130 752	132 820	143 540	59	6 630	33 868	61 113	41 929	33 121
R05CB01 acetylcysteine	118 352	119 891	126 968	128 952	139 313	59	4 976	33 064	60 133	41 140	26 169
R05CB02 bromhexine ¹⁾	5 508	4 836	4 561	4 658	4 973	54	1 658	896	1 301	1 118	746
R05CB12 tiopronin	<5	<5	5	5	<5	67	0	<5	<5	0	27
R05CB13 dornase alfa (desoxyribonuclease)	99	110	109	118	128	51	42	77	9	0	6 179
R05D COUGH SUPPRESSANTS, EXCL. COMBINATIONS WITH EXPECTORANTS	265 549	255 435	258 843	254 586	283 891	60	27 679	106 896	111 275	38 041	30 907
R05DA Opium alkaloids and derivatives	262 753	255 434	258 843	254 586	283 891	60	27 679	106 896	111 275	38 041	30 907
R05DA01 ethylmorphine	252 064	246 451	249 477	245 677	274 375	60	27 144	103 569	107 133	36 529	28 166
R05DA03 hydrocodone	650	570	581	592	592	61	<5	118	318	155	213
R05DA04 codeine	8 196	7 660	7 715	7 203	7 751	64	145	2 977	3 480	1 149	1 585
R05DA07 noscapine ¹⁾	1 848	1 561	1 763	1 880	1 952	58	455	640	559	298	169
R05DA08 pholcodine ¹⁾	292	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
R05DA09 dextromethorphan	0	<5	<5	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
R05DA20 combinations	3 981	2 881	3 036	2 836	2 918	62	31	900	1 467	520	775
R05DB Other cough suppressants	3 507	<5	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0

¹⁾The ATC level comprises OTC medicinal products. The number of individuals is registered for prescription sales only.

ATC group R

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
R05DB05 pentoxyverine	3 507	<5	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
R05F COUGH SUPPRESSANTS AND EXPECTORANTS, COMBINATIONS	47 005	37 584	41 525	41 844	48 182	61	4 035	18 771	18 697	6 679	4 663
R05FA Opium derivatives and expectorants	47 005	37 584	41 525	41 844	48 182	61	4 035	18 771	18 697	6 679	4 663
R05FA02 opium derivatives and expectorants	47 005	37 584	41 525	41 844	48 182	61	4 035	18 771	18 697	6 679	4 663
R06 ANTIHISTAMINES FOR SYSTEMIC USE	513 164	514 755	519 116	511 537	529 086	58	74 819	218 370	184 498	51 399	170 541
R06A ANTIHISTAMINES FOR SYSTEMIC USE	513 164	514 755	519 116	511 537	529 086	58	74 819	218 370	184 498	51 399	170 541
R06AA Aminoalkyl ethers	24	18	18	15	14	64	<5	<5	7	<5	38
R06AA02 diphenhydramine	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
R06AA04 clemastine	20	14	14	14	14	64	<5	<5	7	<5	38
R06AB Substituted alkylamines	38 566	40 313	35 818	25 263	22 710	66	6 797	7 849	5 523	2 541	6 869
R06AB02 dexchlorpheniramine	38 566	40 313	35 818	25 263	22 710	66	6 797	7 849	5 523	2 541	6 869
R06AD Phenothiazine derivatives	61 384	62 532	62 798	64 453	65 866	62	4 481	23 466	28 230	9 689	35 533
R06AD01 alimemazine	54 771	55 908	56 465	57 913	59 721	61	4 439	21 052	25 553	8 677	32 629
R06AD02 promethazine	7 310	7 311	6 991	7 154	6 717	67	46	2 642	2 957	1 072	2 895
R06AD03 thiethylperazine	8	8	<5	5	<5	67	0	0	0	<5	9
R06AE Piperazine derivatives	260 076	272 062	294 720	285 404	293 872	58	44 421	119 027	101 277	29 147	59 053
R06AE03 cyclizine ¹⁾	607	276	655	737	758	70	19	216	340	183	278
R06AE05 meclozine ¹⁾	1 893	2 094	1 956	2 031	2 165	86	82	1 529	338	216	202
R06AE07 cetirizine ¹⁾	256 512	269 004	291 604	282 294	290 648	58	44 308	117 159	100 443	28 738	58 059
R06AE09 levocetirizine	1 518	1 040	844	703	661	62	26	306	277	52	514
R06AX Other antihistamines for systemic use	192 319	180 177	164 938	169 564	178 097	59	23 415	81 203	60 536	12 943	69 049
R06AX02 cyproheptadine	57	61	59	40	17	35	8	6	<5	<5	9
R06AX13 loratadine ¹⁾	72 006	74 765	92 307	83 864	82 798	59	6 021	40 229	29 464	7 084	19 469
R06AX17 ketotifen	5	5	<5	7	10	70	0	<5	5	<5	13
R06AX22 ebastine ¹⁾	25 660	23 548	11 035	10 315	10 431	65	245	4 822	4 506	858	8 826
R06AX26 fexofenadine	10 213	11 575	24 496	27 017	30 405	62	1 001	16 303	10 801	2 300	9 368
R06AX27 desloratadine	93 888	81 363	48 971	55 048	60 485	56	16 569	23 093	17 748	3 075	31 363

¹⁾The ATC level comprises OTC medicinal products. The number of individuals is registered for prescription sales only.

3.16 ATC group S – Sensory organs

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15–44	45–69	≥70							
S SENSORY ORGANS	585 905	596 101	596 290	609 467	617 591	57	118 923	181 573	188 647	128 448	308 635
S01 OPHTHALMOLOGICALS	519 135	525 644	526 629	538 818	549 678	57	106 214	160 144	163 588	119 732	294 543
S01A ANTIINFECTIVES	250 656	262 875	250 367	269 034	266 877	56	76 164	78 449	74 222	38 042	51 346
S01AA Antibiotics	247 682	260 246	247 638	266 185	263 972	56	75 957	77 416	73 170	37 429	49 987
S01AA01 chloramphenicol	184 832	192 708	182 292	197 212	200 684	55	49 832	61 363	59 415	30 074	40 624
S01AA02 chlortetracycline	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0	0	0	<5	0
S01AA11 gentamicin	2 121	2 022	1 763	1 702	1 595	57	160	527	594	314	180
S01AA12 tobramycin	2 218	2 455	2 332	2 302	2 321	58	359	684	812	466	215
S01AA13 fusidic acid	72 970	79 306	75 838	82 810	75 315	57	32 234	18 598	15 976	8 507	8 265
S01AA30 combinations of different antibiotics	4 584	4 917	4 936	5 105	5 268	58	306	1 368	2 018	1 576	704
S01AD Antivirals	3 092	3 080	3 249	3 266	3 170	56	145	893	1 279	853	790
S01AD01 idoxuridine	0	0	<5	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
S01AD02 trifluridine	<5	<5	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
S01AD03 aciclovir	3 091	3 079	3 248	3 266	3 170	56	145	893	1 279	853	790
S01AX Other antiinfectives	2 110	1 925	1 984	2 140	2 331	52	186	990	789	366	569
S01AX13 ciprofloxacin	2 108	1 923	1 982	2 138	2 327	52	185	988	788	366	530
S01AX15 propamidine	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	0
S01B ANTIINFLAMMATORY AGENTS	39 680	42 882	44 119	45 945	46 749	57	1 545	8 947	17 397	18 860	14 358
S01BA Corticosteroids, plain	29 718	30 231	30 111	30 638	31 476	57	1 485	7 816	12 786	9 389	10 298
S01BA01 dexamethasone	17 005	17 332	18 319	18 993	20 146	54	504	4 683	8 618	6 341	7 240
S01BA04 prednisolone	14 721	15 017	12 418	11 840	10 923	59	921	3 253	4 434	2 315	1 727
S01BA07 fluorometholone	19	15	17	16	12	58	0	<5	7	<5	15
S01BA09 clobetasone	18	22	18	16	13	62	0	<5	7	<5	47
S01BA13 rimexolone	2 098	2 151	4 177	4 351	4 414	56	172	1 306	1 624	1 312	1 270
S01BB Corticosteroids and mydriatics in combination	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	100	0	0	0	<5	3
S01BB03 fluorometholone and mydriatics	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	100	0	0	0	<5	3
S01BC Antiinflammatory agents, non-steroids	11 292	14 254	15 618	17 141	17 550	58	69	1 557	5 509	10 415	4 057
S01BC03 diclofenac	11 292	14 254	15 618	15 814	11 682	58	62	1 437	3 719	6 464	2 336
S01BC10 nepafenac	0	0	0	1 528	6 084	58	7	129	1 860	4 088	1 721
S01C ANTIINFLAMMATORY AGENTS AND ANTIINFECTIVES IN COMBINATION	54 854	57 374	56 226	56 906	57 656	58	1 179	9 479	20 364	26 634	10 851
S01CA Corticosteroids and antiinfectives in combination	54 854	57 374	56 226	56 906	57 656	58	1 179	9 479	20 364	26 634	10 851

ATC group S

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
S01CA01 dexamethasone and antiinfectives	54 854	57 374	56 226	56 906	57 656	58	1 179	9 479	20 364	26 634	10 851
S01E ANTIGLAUCOMA PREPARATIONS AND MIOTICS	67 453	68 239	68 940	70 039	70 783	57	195	2 034	21 022	47 532	142 010
S01EA Sympathomimetics in glaucoma therapy	3 655	3 953	3 992	4 077	4 222	54	<5	144	1 087	2 988	3 873
S01EA01 epinephrine	<5	5	<5	<5	<5	100	0	0	0	<5	1
S01EA02 dipivefrine	234	217	122	9	<5	50	0	0	<5	<5	2
S01EA03 apraclonidine	69	91	97	115	122	55	0	15	44	63	61
S01EA05 brimonidine	3 400	3 706	3 838	3 983	4 122	54	<5	134	1 048	2 937	3 808
S01EB Parasympathomimetics	1 637	1 498	1 433	1 291	1 254	61	5	52	324	873	743
S01EB01 pilocarpine	1 634	1 496	1 431	1 289	1 253	61	5	52	323	873	740
S01EB02 carbachol	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	100	0	0	<5	0	3
S01EC Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors	9 558	9 488	9 634	10 040	10 322	57	108	665	2 662	6 887	12 455
S01EC01 acetazolamide	1 695	1 597	1 531	1 699	1 828	53	43	514	636	635	1 032
S01EC03 dorzolamide	2 975	2 783	2 660	2 503	2 393	58	15	50	540	1 788	3 207
S01EC04 brinzolamide	5 148	5 415	5 811	6 195	6 452	57	55	110	1 591	4 696	8 217
S01EC05 methazolamide	6	<5	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
S01ED Beta blocking agents	47 230	47 883	48 377	48 841	49 026	56	133	1 159	14 556	33 178	78 095
S01ED01 timolol	23 426	23 313	22 977	22 326	21 730	57	108	559	7 248	13 815	22 360
S01ED02 betaxolol	2 525	2 233	2 012	1 778	1 587	67	<5	9	356	1 218	1 097
S01ED51 timolol, combinations	23 685	24 676	25 922	27 060	27 983	55	28	674	7 688	19 593	54 638
S01EE Prostaglandin analogues	35 231	35 402	36 048	36 697	37 168	58	18	674	10 267	26 209	46 844
S01EE01 latanoprost	29 947	29 658	28 946	27 890	26 155	58	8	396	6 840	18 911	24 504
S01EE03 bimatoprost	1 789	1 814	1 807	1 867	1 871	58	0	55	530	1 286	3 140
S01EE04 travoprost	4 050	4 469	4 844	5 035	6 464	56	<5	126	1 887	4 447	9 490
S01EE05 tafluprost	0	0	1 654	3 068	4 027	64	7	134	1 440	2 446	9 711
S01F MYDRIATICS AND CYCLOPLEGICS	4 586	4 744	4 899	5 066	5 041	47	428	1 258	2 185	1 170	932
S01FA Anticholinergics	4 568	4 737	4 891	5 062	5 038	47	428	1 257	2 183	1 170	926
S01FA01 atropine	2 598	2 750	2 670	2 549	2 323	45	347	540	927	509	454
S01FA02 scopolamine	<5	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
S01FA04 cyclopentolate	1 897	2 034	2 277	2 546	2 746	47	74	738	1 271	663	440
S01FA05 homatropine	127	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
S01FA06 tropicamide	185	164	157	189	164	52	12	59	77	16	33
S01FB Sympathomimetics excl. antiglaucoma preparations	62	48	39	29	35	54	<5	10	18	6	5
S01FB01 phenylephrine	62	48	39	29	35	54	<5	10	18	6	5

ATC group S

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
	<15	15-44	45-69	≥70							
S01G DECONGESTANTS AND ANTIALLERGICS	175 153	164 724	172 049	158 625	167 470	58	30 991	75 283	48 963	12 233	50 538
S01GA Sympathomimetics used as decongestants	25 905	23 730	23 098	20 728	21 277	61	2 672	9 729	6 992	1 884	6 337
S01GA51 naphazoline, combinations	11	11	11	<5	6	50	0	<5	<5	<5	4
S01GA52 tetryzoline, combinations ¹⁾	25 894	23 719	23 089	20 725	21 272	61	2 672	9 729	6 989	1 882	6 334
S01GX Other antiallergics	153 727	144 671	152 775	141 091	149 611	58	28 973	67 098	42 974	10 566	44 201
S01GX01 cromoglicic acid ¹⁾	27 687	24 839	25 305	22 551	23 398	62	3 713	10 265	7 629	1 791	5 922
S01GX02 levocabastine ¹⁾	78 401	73 171	77 301	70 567	75 480	58	15 564	34 108	20 846	4 962	21 589
S01GX04 nedocromil	2 327	1 982	2 018	1 777	1 701	57	225	858	519	99	352
S01GX05 lodoxamide ¹⁾	444	339	35	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
S01GX06 emedastine	645	546	490	379	384	61	70	135	131	48	131
S01GX07 azelastine	901	755	691	580	553	60	86	224	176	67	160
S01GX08 ketotifen ¹⁾	18 601	16 912	17 926	16 305	17 277	59	3 180	7 606	5 167	1 324	6 498
S01GX09 olopatadine	30 543	30 752	34 046	32 856	35 322	56	7 367	15 505	9 845	2 605	9 549
S01X OTHER OPHTHALMOLOGICALS	6 080	6 859	18 266	26 371	34 495	76	286	3 457	15 088	15 664	24 483
S01XA Other ophthalmologicals	6 080	6 859	18 266	26 371	34 495	76	286	3 457	15 088	15 664	24 483
S01XA03 sodium chloride, hypertonic	18	16	20	15	17	35	0	<5	7	9	27
S01XA18 ciclosporin	25	27	41	70	112	60	<5	40	56	13	1 298
S01XA20 artificial tears and other indifferent preparations ¹⁾	6 041	6 823	18 234	26 329	34 442	76	283	3 441	15 065	15 653	23 157
S02 OTOLOGICALS	11 998	13 048	14 496	14 933	20 221	54	4 073	5 405	7 663	3 080	3 862
S02A ANTIINFECTIVES	5 580	7 097	7 037	7 346	10 565	48	3 815	2 989	2 705	1 056	1 905
S02AA Antiinfectives	5 580	7 097	7 037	7 346	10 565	48	3 815	2 989	2 705	1 056	1 905
S02AA01 chloramphenicol	253	202	123	75	75	41	21	21	25	8	56
S02AA15 ciprofloxacin	5 349	6 923	6 937	7 290	10 501	48	3 798	2 971	2 684	1 048	1 849
S02B CORTICOSTEROIDS	6 630	6 139	7 724	7 847	10 180	59	314	2 625	5 158	2 083	1 942
S02BA Corticosteroids	6 630	6 139	7 724	7 847	10 180	59	314	2 625	5 158	2 083	1 942
S02BA07 betamethasone	6 630	6 139	7 724	7 847	10 180	59	314	2 625	5 158	2 083	1 942
S02C CORTICOSTEROIDS AND ANTIINFECTIVES IN COMBINATION	75	58	70	66	104	63	6	24	50	24	15
S02CA Corticosteroids and anti-infectives in combination	75	58	70	66	104	63	6	24	50	24	15
S02CA02 flumetasone and antiinfectives	75	58	70	66	104	63	6	24	50	24	15
S03 OPHTHALMOLOGICAL AND OTOLOGICAL PREPARATIONS	74 455	78 318	75 322	77 041	68 883	54	12 853	20 837	24 919	10 274	10 230

¹⁾The ATC level comprises OTC medicinal products. The number of individuals is registered for prescription sales only.

ATC group S

ATC level		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
		Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
								<15	15-44	45-69	≥70	
S03C	CORTICOSTEROIDS AND ANTIINFECTIVES IN COMBINATION	74 455	78 318	75 322	77 041	68 883	54	12 853	20 837	24 919	10 274	10 230
S03CA	Corticosteroids and anti-infectives in combination	74 455	78 318	75 322	77 041	68 883	54	12 853	20 837	24 919	10 274	10 230
S03CA01	dexamethasone and antiinfectives	16 091	18 919	15 356	14 416	24 934	54	3 425	7 461	9 870	4 178	2 921
S03CA04	hydrocortisone and antiinfectives	61 091	62 532	62 503	65 038	47 788	54	9 873	14 380	16 702	6 833	7 309

3.17 ATC group V – Various

ATC level	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Share of women (%)	2011				2011
	Number of individuals						Number of individuals per age group				Sales in 1000 NOK
							<15	15-44	45-69	≥70	
V VARIOUS	10 023	11 571	13 317	15 900	18 601	49	2 926	6 862	5 641	3 172	71 097
V01 ALLERGENS	4 173	4 962	6 170	7 289	8 266	46	1 569	5 209	1 452	36	38 724
V01A ALLERGENS	4 173	4 962	6 170	7 289	8 266	46	1 569	5 209	1 452	36	38 724
V01AA Allergen extracts	4 173	4 962	6 170	7 289	8 266	46	1 569	5 209	1 452	36	38 724
V01AA02 grass pollen	2 502	3 056	4 021	5 033	5 756	44	935	3 970	841	10	22 264
V01AA03 house dust mites	211	284	301	349	425	47	109	254	60	<5	2 217
V01AA05 tree pollen	2 693	3 104	3 705	4 150	4 664	49	911	2 866	868	19	10 786
V01AA07 insects	192	206	185	183	181	54	25	65	81	10	774
V01AA10 flowers	36	54	90	108	138	59	10	86	41	<5	576
V01AA11 animals	178	201	217	288	382	50	93	198	91	0	2 106

Noen forkortelser og definisjoner / Some abbreviations and definitions

ATC	Anatomisk Terapeutisk Kjemisk (klassifikasjonssystem for legemidler)	Anatomical Therapeutical Chemical (classification system for medicines)
DDD	Definert døgndose	Defined Daily Doses
EEA		European Economic Association
EØS	Europeisk økonomisk samarbeid	
FHI	Folkehelseinstituttet	
GP		General Practitioner
ICD -10		International Classification of Diseases version 10
ICPC		International Classification of Primary Care
MA	Markedsføringstillatelse	Marketing Authorisation
NIPH		Norwegian Institute of Public Health
NMD	Norsk Medisinaldepot	Norwegian Medicinal Depot (wholesaler)
NOK	Norske kroner	Norwegian kroner
NorPD	Reseptregisteret	Norwegian Prescription Database
NSAID	Ikke-steroid antiinflammatorisk legemiddel	Non Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug
OTC	Reseptfritt	Over The Counter, non prescription drugs
SPC		Summary of Product Characteristics
SSB	Statistisk sentralbyrå	Statistics Norway
WHO	Verdens helseorganisasjon	World Health Organization

Definisjoner

Prevalens

Brukere (individer) defineres som personer som har hentet minst én resept på apotek i perioden. Prevalens er definert som antall brukere per 100 innbyggere (%) i det definerte befolkningsutvalget.

Insidens (nye brukere)

Insidens er antall brukere av et bestemt legemiddel eller en legemiddelgruppe i en definert tidsperiode som ikke var brukere i en tidligere, definert periode. Insidens kan også uttrykkes som andel (%) i forhold til antallet potensielle nye brukere i det definerte befolkningsutvalget.

Definitions

Prevalence

Users (individuals) are defined as persons who had at least one prescription dispensed at pharmacies in the period. Prevalence is defined as the number of users per 100 inhabitants (%) in the defined population sample.

Incidence (new users)

Incidence is the number of users of a particular drug or drug group in a defined time period who were not users in a previous, defined time period. Incidence can be expressed as a percentage relative to the number of potential users in the defined population sample.

Folkemengde i Norge 2007–2011 (per 1. juli)/
Population in Norway 2007–2011 (as of 1st July)

Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Population	4 709 284	4 768 076	4 829 800	4 888 946	4 953 216

Folkemengde etter alder i 2011 (per 1. juli)/
Population by age in 2011 (as of 1st July)

Age groups	<15	15–44	45–69	≥70
Population	890 151	2 011 227	1 516 775	535 064

Kilde: Statistisk sentralbyrå / Source: Statistics Norway

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