

**Table 13(a): Highest Government Cost Drug (incl Drs Bag) by PBS Item, year ending: Jun 2007**

Rank	Item Drug	Form	Volume	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
1	8215 ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	Tablet 40mg (atorvastatin)	3,057,246	206,519,411	243,856,510	79.76
2	8214 ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	Tablet 20mg (atorvastatin)	3,424,052	157,887,926	198,922,878	58.10
3	8358 CLOPIDOGREL HYDROGEN SULFATE	Tablet 75mg (base)	2,111,423	157,471,339	173,226,770	82.04
4	8173 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 40mg	2,448,471	137,817,896	162,645,894	66.43
5	8521 ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	Tablet 80mg (atorvastatin)	1,094,501	109,150,495	122,285,089	111.73
6	8333 OMEPRAZOLE	Tablet 20mg	3,198,775	92,965,762	124,031,657	38.77
7	8187 OLANZAPINE	Tablet 10mg	272,868	88,868,480	90,938,902	333.27
8	8601 ESOMEPRAZOLE MAGNESIUM TRIHYDRATE	Tablet (enteric coated), equivalent	1,636,584	82,530,849	100,711,452	61.54
9	8511 ALENDRONATE SODIUM	Tablet equivalent to 70mg alendronate	1,771,362	80,231,208	92,596,397	52.27
10	8626 TIOTROPIUM BROMIDE MONOHYDRATE	Capsule containing powder for oral inhalation	1,140,278	79,611,499	86,441,011	75.81
11	2012 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 20mg	2,027,661	78,573,830	96,757,663	47.72
12	8008 PANTOPRAZOLE SODIUM SESQUIHYDRATE	Tablet (enteric coated), equivalent	2,230,390	70,577,747	92,178,046	41.33
13	8600 ESOMEPRAZOLE MAGNESIUM TRIHYDRATE	Tablet (enteric coated), equivalent	2,349,249	62,690,298	89,957,563	38.29
14	8519 FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE with SALMETEROL	Oral pressurised inhalation 250micrograms	881,458	58,107,683	68,571,264	77.79
15	8197 PRAVASTATIN SODIUM	Tablet 40mg	1,012,764	56,394,675	66,024,225	65.19
16	8213 ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	Tablet 10mg (atorvastatin)	1,864,828	56,174,519	76,460,708	41.00
17	8302 VENLAFAXINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 150mg (base) (modified release)	1,118,859	54,747,569	70,683,847	63.17
18	8313 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 80mg	646,323	53,591,738	60,269,649	93.25
19	8432 FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE with SALMETEROL	Powder for oral inhalation in breathers	657,606	44,177,446	51,813,472	78.79
20	8405 IRBESARTAN with HYDROCHLOROTHALIDINE	Tablet 300mg-12.5mg	2,051,503	43,354,111	61,792,401	30.12
21	8508 RABEPRAZOLE SODIUM	Tablet 20mg (enteric coated)	1,389,218	42,509,361	58,254,799	41.93
22	8093 GOSERELIN ACETATE	Subcutaneous implant (long acting)	36,928	40,645,139	40,918,668	1108.07
23	8101 INTERFERON BETA-1b	Injection set comprising 1 vial powder	33,977	39,304,558	39,894,454	1174.16
24	8134 VALACICLOVIR HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 500mg (base)	263,196	39,078,833	45,021,947	171.06
25	8243 LATANOPROST	Eye drops 50micrograms per mL	1,329,235	38,701,591	48,390,204	36.40
26	8757 EZETIMIBE	Tablet 10mg	629,871	37,228,345	44,145,572	70.09
27	8301 VENLAFAXINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 75mg (base) (modified release)	1,024,204	32,181,998	47,685,253	46.56
28	8449 PERINDOPRIL with INDAPAMIDE HEMIHYDRATE	Tablet containing 4mg perindopril	1,251,301	30,453,833	37,868,602	30.26
29	8431 FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE with SALMETEROL	Powder for oral inhalation in breathers	675,987	29,951,707	39,395,682	58.28
30	8248 IRBESARTAN	Tablet 300mg	1,212,821	29,527,815	34,290,232	28.27
31	8440 CELECOXIB	Capsule 200mg	1,218,706	28,583,479	37,509,611	30.78
32	8741 ADALIMUMAB	Injection 40mg in 0.8mL pre-filled syringe	15,969	27,773,770	27,987,090	1752.59
33	8220 CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE	Tablet 20mg (base)	1,011,619	27,577,288	34,674,145	34.28
34	8185 OLANZAPINE	Tablet 5mg	211,393	26,648,985	28,433,005	134.50
35	8179 ANASTROZOLE	Tablet 1mg	142,316	25,150,653	27,120,026	190.56
36	8288 SALBUTAMOL SULFATE	Oral pressurised inhalation 100micrograms	1,993,424	25,095,621	32,534,722	16.32
37	8621 RISEDRONATE SODIUM	Tablet 35mg	550,801	24,941,049	28,834,816	52.35
38	8470 RAMIPRIL	Capsule 10mg	1,057,827	24,605,072	30,516,447	28.85
39	8258 CARVEDILOL	Tablet 25mg	231,485	24,035,575	25,986,272	112.26
40	8562 MELOXICAM	Tablet 15mg	1,040,527	23,758,364	31,983,544	30.74
41	2242 PAROXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 20mg (base)	904,811	23,381,474	33,425,590	36.94
42	1763 INSULIN NEUTRAL-INSULIN ISOPHANE	Injections (human) 100units (30units/mL)	109,405	23,351,333	24,118,969	220.46
43	8294 RITUXIMAB	Solution for I.V. infusion 500mg in 50mL	9,285	23,151,212	23,295,819	2508.97
44	8848 OXALIPLATIN	Solution concentrate for I.V. infusion	11,844	22,914,391	23,100,861	1950.43
45	8862 ETANERCEPT	Injection set containing 4 vials powder	13,128	22,829,115	22,998,655	1751.88
46	8247 IRBESARTAN	Tablet 150mg	1,179,774	22,648,902	27,367,220	23.20
47	2237 SERTRALINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 100mg (base)	952,978	22,481,395	33,422,564	35.07
48	9039 INSULIN GLARGINE	Injections (human analogue) 100units/mL	57,208	22,384,393	23,172,317	405.05
49	2241 LANSOPRAZOLE	Capsule 30mg	727,641	22,065,664	30,377,409	41.75
50	8609 INSULIN ASPART-INSULIN ASPART PRE-MIXED	Injections (human analogue) 100units/mL	85,232	21,376,261	22,179,211	260.22

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51	8513 MIRTAZAPINE	Tablet 30mg	801,913	21,078,199	29,345,440	36.59
52	8496 DONEPEZIL HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 10mg	135,735	20,249,559	21,026,181	154.91
53	8435 INSULIN ASPART	Injections (human analogue) 100u	83,060	20,224,563	21,480,320	258.61
54	8458 QUETIAPINE FUMARATE	Tablet 200mg (base)	74,971	19,925,148	20,521,122	273.72
55	1081 ATENOLOL	Tablet 50mg	2,964,234	19,899,816	31,280,882	10.55
56	2236 SERTRALINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 50mg (base)	982,847	19,673,477	29,896,453	30.42
57	8217 FAMCICLOVIR	Tablet 250mg	56,354	19,501,839	20,704,223	367.40
58	1761 INSULIN ISOPHANE (N.P.H.)	Injections (human) 100units per n	92,558	19,189,679	20,315,073	219.48
59	2752 AMLODIPINE	Tablet 10mg (as besylate)	943,030	18,598,790	30,266,968	32.10
60	8666 RITUXIMAB	Solution for I.V. infusion 500mg ir	7,521	18,249,142	18,372,871	2442.88
61	8625 BUDESONIDE with EFORMOTEROL FUM	Powder for oral inhalation in brea	410,325	18,153,655	23,616,418	57.56
62	8726 GLATIRAMER ACETATE	Injection 20mg in 1mL single dose	16,769	17,986,923	18,268,980	1089.45
63	2011 SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 10mg	665,309	17,811,149	23,118,649	34.75
64	8403 INTERFERON BETA-1a	Injection 44micrograms (12,000,0	17,093	17,734,426	18,069,287	1057.12
65	2834 PRAVASTATIN SODIUM	Tablet 20mg	508,046	17,633,371	22,157,370	43.61
66	8750 BUDESONIDE with EFORMOTEROL FUM	Powder for oral inhalation in brea	238,008	17,483,843	20,430,304	85.84
67	8899 RISEDONATE SODIUM and CALCIUM C	Pack containing 4 tablets risedron	381,216	17,187,343	19,952,992	52.34
68	9007 PERINDOPRIL	Tablet containing 5mg perindopril	933,534	16,995,938	20,784,043	22.26
69	8580 QUETIAPINE FUMARATE	Tablet 300mg (base)	47,520	16,720,961	17,104,861	359.95
70	8690 ROSIGLITAZONE MALEATE	Tablet 8mg (base)	205,502	16,642,006	18,652,330	90.76
71	8782 RISPERIDONE	Powder for I.M. injection 50mg (r	32,795	16,354,011	16,585,417	505.73
72	8504 CANDESARTAN CILEXETIL with HYDRO	Tablet 16mg-12.5mg	755,528	16,310,458	23,185,463	30.69
73	2592 ISOTRETINOIN	Capsule 20mg	128,498	15,644,737	18,710,284	145.61
74	9008 PERINDOPRIL	Tablet containing 10mg perindopri	828,778	15,460,913	25,557,985	30.84
75	1434 FLUOXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Capsule 20mg (base)	544,997	15,296,687	19,987,278	36.67
76	2290 SODIUM VALPROATE	Tablet 500mg (enteric coated)	282,346	15,074,095	18,149,291	64.28
77	2751 AMLODIPINE	Tablet 5mg (as besylate)	903,949	14,994,720	18,539,604	20.51
78	8360 PACLITAXEL	Solution concentrate for I.V. infus	7,115	14,846,634	14,981,719	2105.65
79	2430 METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 500mg	1,447,434	14,830,253	19,927,144	13.77
80	8363 RALOXIFENE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 60mg	288,421	14,777,412	16,652,047	57.74
81	8434 OLANZAPINE	Wafer 10mg	45,149	14,142,227	14,476,511	320.64
82	8297 CANDESARTAN CILEXETIL	Tablet 16mg	561,220	14,031,403	16,299,428	29.04
83	2367 FELODIPINE	Tablet 10mg (extended release)	555,374	13,971,997	17,954,296	32.33
84	8375 LEFLUNOMIDE	Tablet 20mg	102,552	13,841,215	15,177,296	148.00
85	8074 DOCETAXEL	Injection set containing 1 single u	6,039	13,819,843	13,931,307	2306.89
86	8362 CAPECITABINE	Tablet 500mg	17,861	13,646,817	13,851,670	775.53
87	8689 ROSIGLITAZONE MALEATE	Tablet 4mg (base)	250,988	13,461,077	15,725,419	62.65
88	8805 INTERFERON BETA-1a	Injection 30micrograms (6,000,00	12,535	13,022,839	13,244,684	1056.62
89	8254 AMOXYCILLIN with CLAVULANIC ACID	Tablet 875mg-125mg	1,065,518	13,003,134	17,362,373	16.29
90	8638 ETANERCEPT	Injection set containing 4 vials po	7,069	12,657,670	12,741,600	1802.46
91	8881 EZETIMIBE with SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 10mg-40mg	104,370	12,437,343	13,655,088	130.83
92	8050 GEMCITABINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Powder for I.V. infusion 1g (base)	14,559	12,431,261	12,650,158	868.89
93	9012 ALENDRONATE SODIUM with COLECAL	Tablet equivalent to 70mg alendr	276,142	12,410,410	14,376,114	52.06
94	8882 EZETIMIBE with SIMVASTATIN	Tablet 10mg-80mg	84,245	12,278,029	13,271,204	157.53
95	8679 LERCANIDIPINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 20mg	475,657	12,169,512	17,387,003	36.55
96	8534 LERCANIDIPINE HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 10mg	589,824	12,168,931	14,465,793	24.53
97	1946 RAMIPRIL	Tablet 5mg	796,760	11,895,098	15,265,878	19.16
98	8607 METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	Tablet 1g	722,024	11,836,015	14,363,965	19.89
99	8186 OLANZAPINE	Tablet 7.5mg	55,655	11,831,604	12,290,117	220.83
100	8781 RISPERIDONE	Powder for I.M. injection 37.5mg i	27,201	11,698,348	11,910,385	437.87