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## Introduction from the Director of National Shared Services

The Health Service Reform Programme is driving unprecedented change in our healthcare system with the new Health Service Executive (HSE) in place since 1st January 2005. As the single largest reform project undertaken in the State, this programme offers an unparalleled opportunity to modernise and improve service provision to our clients, stakeholders and partners. By modernising our processes, technology and communication structures we can achieve economies of scale and strive to deliver value in the services we provide.

The former General Medical Services (Payments) Board is now known as the Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS) and is part of the HSE's National Shared Services Directorate.

The PCRS is one of six Business Units within National Shared Services (NSS); other services to be provided by NSS are Finance, Human Resources, Information & Communication Technology, Procurement and Legal Services. The vision for National Shared Services is to deliver a customer-focused National Shared Service to support health service delivery.

The core business of NSS PCRS is the processing and payment of claims on a national basis to key customers including General Practitioners, Pharmacists, Dentists and Optometrists/Ophthalmologists for services they provide to members of the public. NSS PCRS captures large volumes of data from which it compiles statistics and we provide this information to our customers, stakeholders and the public.

During 2005 we have worked with our customers to improve the service provided by combining the appropriate technology, with a professional service and efficient delivery. NSS PCRS processed more than 56 million transactions in 2005 and expenditure throughput amounted to €1.9 billion. Expenditure will grow to an estimated €2.1 billion in 2006.

During 2005 NSS PCRS played an important role in providing a range of information to support the management of the various schemes, which are becoming increasingly complex. This Statistical Analysis Book reflects the many and varied Schemes and Payment Systems in operation.

The goodwill and cooperation received from all of our customers, General Practitioners, Pharmacists, Dentists, Optometrists/Ophthalmologists and our colleagues in the HSE, in a period of major change is very much appreciated. It is our aim to serve the interests of our customers in a professional and efficient manner.

The ongoing commitment and dedication of our staff throughout the year to achieve targets and reach deadlines is acknowledged and appreciated. As Director of National Shared Services I look forward to further developing the business relationship and striving to continuously improve the services to our customers.



**Laverne McGuinness**

*Director of National Shared Services*

## Community Based Services – Payment Arrangements

Almost all payments for services provided in the community by General Practitioners, Community Pharmacies, Dentists and Optometrists/Ophthalmologists are made by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service. Payments in the Year 2005 were in excess of €1.88bn. Estimated payments by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service for 2006 are €2.07bn.

Claim data is processed and payments are made by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service under the following Schemes/Payment Arrangements:

### **General Medical Services (GMS)**

Persons who are unable without undue hardship to arrange general practitioner medical and surgical services for themselves and their dependants and all persons aged 70 years and over receive a free general medical service.

Drugs, medicines and appliances supplied under the Scheme are provided through retail pharmacies. In most cases the Doctor gives a completed prescription form to a person, who takes it to any pharmacy that has an agreement with the Health Service Executive to dispense GMS prescription forms. In rural areas the Doctor may dispense for those persons who opt to have their medicines dispensed by him/her. All GMS claims are processed and paid by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service.

### **Drugs Payment Scheme (DPS)**

Under the Drugs Payment Scheme persons who are ordinarily resident in the State and who do not have a current medical card can benefit – an individual or family has now to pay no more than €85 in a calendar month for approved drugs, medicines and appliances for themselves or their families. In order to benefit under this Scheme a person must register themselves and their dependants with their Local Health Office. Items currently reimbursable under the Drugs Payment Scheme are those listed in the GMS Code Book. Other items which were reimbursable under the DCS and Refund of Drugs Schemes continue, in certain circumstances, to be reimbursable under the Drugs Payment Scheme. DPS claims are processed and paid by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service.

### **Long Term Illness Scheme (LTI)**

On approval by the Health Service Executive persons who suffer from one or more of a schedule of illnesses are entitled to obtain, without charge, irrespective of income, necessary drugs/medicines and/or appliances under the LTI Scheme. All LTI claims are processed and paid by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service.

### **Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS)**

Under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme GMS eligible adults have access to a range of treatments and clinical procedures comprised of Routine Treatments and Full Upper and Lower Dentures. Routine Treatments are now available for all eligible persons. Dentists may also prescribe a range of medicines to eligible persons. All claims under the DTSS are processed and paid by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service.

### **European Economic Area (EEA)**

Residents from one of the other states of the European Economic Area, with established eligibility, who require emergency general practitioner services while on a temporary visit to the State are entitled to receive from a General Practitioner a GMS prescription form for necessary medication and to have such medication dispensed in a Pharmacy that has entered into an agreement with the Health Service Executive within the State. Students, posted workers and their dependants are entitled to full services on presentation of a valid Form E128. EEA claims are paid by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service.



### **High Tech Drugs (HTD)**

Arrangements are in place for the supply and dispensing of High Tech medicines through Community Pharmacies. Such medicines are generally only prescribed or initiated in hospital and would include items such as anti-rejection drugs for transplant patients or medicines used in conjunction with chemotherapy or growth hormones. The medicines are purchased by the Health Service Executive and supplied through Community Pharmacies for which Pharmacists are paid a patient care fee: the cost of the medicines and patient care fees are paid by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service.

### **Primary Childhood Immunisation Scheme**

A National Primary Childhood Immunisation Scheme provides for immunisation of the total child population with the aim of eliminating, as far as possible, such conditions as Diphtheria, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella and more recently Meningococcal C Meningitis. Payments under this Scheme to Doctors in the Midland, Mid-Western, Southern and Western HSE Areas are made by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service.

### **Health (Amendment) Act 1996**

Under the Health (Amendment) Act 1996 certain health services are made available without charge to

persons who have contracted Hepatitis C directly or indirectly from the use of Human Immunoglobulin – Anti D or the receipt within the State of another blood product or blood transfusion. General Practitioner services, pharmaceutical services, dental services and optometric/ophthalmic services provided under the Act are paid for by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service.

### **Methadone Treatment Scheme**

Methadone is prescribed and dispensed by Doctors and Pharmacists for approved clients under the Methadone Treatment Scheme – capitation fees payable to participating Doctors and Community Pharmacists and claims by pharmacies for the ingredient cost of the Methadone dispensed and the associated dispensing fees are processed and paid by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service.

### **Health Service Executive Community Ophthalmic Services Scheme (HSE-COS)**

Under the Health Service Executive Community Ophthalmic Services Scheme, adult medical card holders and their dependants are entitled, free of charge, to eye examinations and necessary spectacles/appliances. Claims by Optometrists/Ophthalmologists are paid by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service. Claims for spectacles provided under the Children's Scheme are also paid by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service.

### **Immunisations for certain GMS Eligible Persons**

Agreement was reached between the Department of Health & Children and the Irish Medical Organisation on fee rates to be applied to certain immunisations for GMS eligible persons. The immunisations encompassed by the agreement are: Pneumococcal, Influenza, Hepatitis B and the combined Pneumococcal/Influenza. The Health Service Executive facilitated claiming for any of these immunisations by extending the range of codes for 'Special Items of Service'.

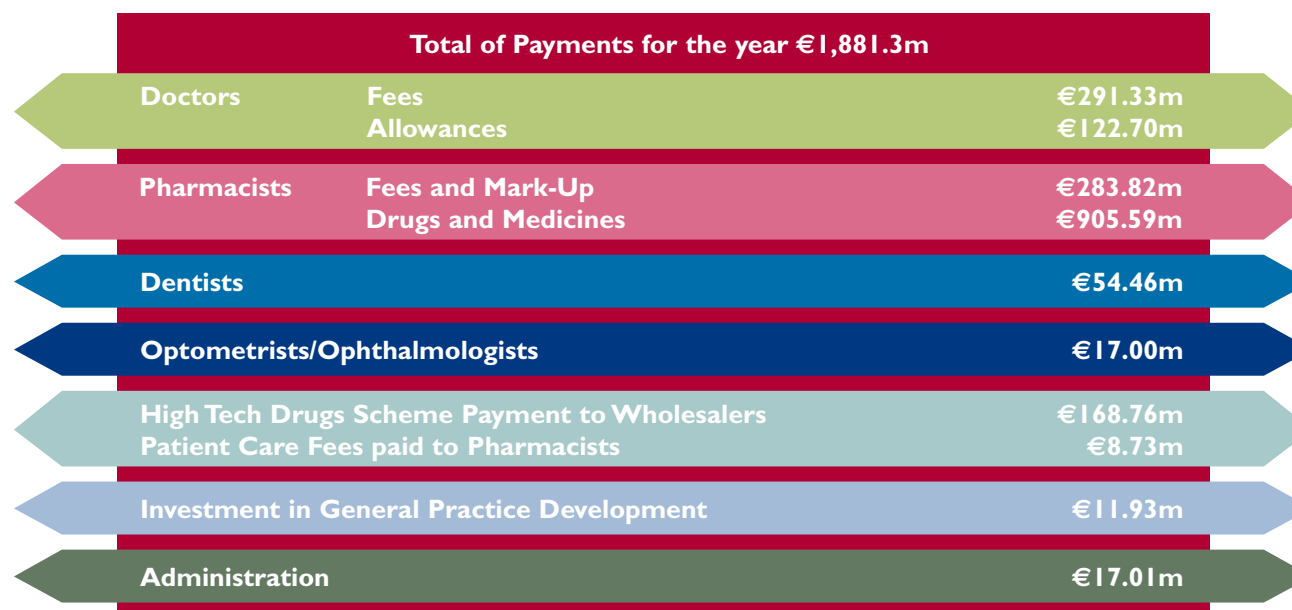
### **General Practitioner Visit Card (GPVC)**

Certain people in Ireland who do not qualify for a medical card may apply to the Health Service Executive for a GP Visit Card. GP Visit Cards allow individuals and families who qualify, to visit their General Practitioner for free. All GP claims are processed and paid by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service.

## Summary Statement of Activity During the Year

- Payments in the Year were in excess of €1,881.3m.
- Claim data is processed and payments are made by the PCRS under the following Schemes:
  - General Medical Services (GMS);
  - Drugs Payment (DP);
  - Long Term Illness (LTI);
  - Dental Treatment Services (DTS);
  - European Economic Area (EEA);
  - High Tech Drugs (HTD);
  - Primary Childhood Immunisation;
  - Health (Amendment) Act 1996;
  - Methadone Treatment;
  - Health Service Executive Community Ophthalmic Services (HSE-COS).
- At year end there were more than 2.73m persons registered as being eligible to benefit under the General Medical Services, Drugs Payment, Long Term Illness, Dental Treatment and Health Service Executive Community Ophthalmic Services Schemes.
- More than 95% of eligible GMS persons availed of GP, Pharmaceutical, Dental or Ophthalmic services provided by more than 5,612 Doctors, Pharmacists, Dentists and Optometrists/Ophthalmologists.
- More than 50.5m prescription items were paid for by the PCRS – an increase of over 3.3m items on 2004.
- Fees and allowances paid to Doctors totalled €414.03m.
- Payments to Pharmacies totalled €1,198.14m;
  - GMS €831.44m;
  - DP €246.68m;
  - LTI €100.55m;
  - EEA €1.88m;
  - Patient Care Fees under the HTD Scheme €8.73m;
  - The Health (Amendment) Act 1996, Methadone Treatment Scheme and DTS prescriptions €8.86m.
- Payments to Dentists under the DTS totalled €54.46m.
- Payments to Optometrists/Ophthalmologists under the HSE-COS totalled €17m.
- Payments to Wholesalers under the HTD Scheme totalled €168.76m.
- Administration costs in the accounting period of 2005 were €17.01m.
- Claims processed are in respect of services provided in the community and availed of by almost 51.3% of the population.

## The Year 2005



- Fees to Doctors include an amount of €4.80m in respect of the Primary Childhood Immunisation Scheme, €0.23m in respect of the Health (Amendment) Act 1996, €4.08m in respect of the Methadone Treatment Scheme.
- Allowances paid to Doctors include an amount of €6.25m paid as superannuation to Retired District Medical Officers and their dependants.
- Payments to Pharmacists include an amount of €1.48m in respect of drugs/medicines dispensed under the Health (Amendment) Act 1996, an amount of €6.78m in respect of the cost of Methadone dispensed under the Methadone Treatment Scheme and an amount of €0.6m in respect of DTS prescriptions.
- Payments to Dentists include an amount of €55,922 in respect of treatments under the Health (Amendment) Act 1996.
- Payments to Optometrists/Ophthalmologists include an amount of €44,541 in respect of treatments under the Health (Amendment) Act 1996.
- The corresponding figures for 2004 are-
  - Total of Payments €1,652.83m.
  - Doctors' Fees €220.91m and Doctors' Allowances €96.59m.
  - Pharmacists' Fees and Mark-Up €272.34m, Drugs and Medicines €813.56m.
  - Payments to Dentists under the DTS Scheme were €52.49m.
  - Payments to Optometrists/Ophthalmologists €17.44m.
  - Investment in General Practice Development was €15.79m.
  - High Tech Drugs Scheme – Payment to Wholesalers €141.41m, Patient Care Fees €6.8m.
  - Administration €15.50m.

## Number of Agreements

2,257 Doctors	1,430 Pharmacists	1,394 Dentists	531 Optometrists
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The number of agreements between Health Service Executive and General Practitioners for the provision of services to GMS persons reflects the policy position agreed between the Department of Health & Children and the Irish Medical Organisation on entry to the GMS. In December 2005 there were 2,257 such agreements.

### Number of Agreements as at 31st December 2005

Health Service Executive	Doctors	Pharmacists	Dentists	Optometrists
East Coast Area	212	126	102	45
South Western Area	303	196	205	78
Northern Area	242	163	154	42
Midland	126	82	68	43
Mid-Western	214	137	102	42
North Eastern	162	126	103	50
North Western	134	79	64	30
South Eastern	222	151	132	53
Southern	389	227	304	79
Western	253	143	160	69
<b>National</b>	<b>*2,257</b>	<b>#1,430</b>	<b>+1,394</b>	<b>531</b>
Corresponding Figures for 2004	2,210	1,333	1,340	489

\* 239 GPs who do not hold GMS agreements and who were registered as providing services under the Primary Childhood Immunisation Scheme, the Health (Amendment) Act 1996, Heartwatch, Palliative Care and the Methadone Treatment Scheme at year end are included above.

# 11 Pharmacies who do not hold GMS agreements and who were registered as providing services under non GMS Schemes at year end are included above.

+ 198 Dentists who are employees of the Health Service Executive and who provide services under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme are included above.

## Persons Eligible for Services

<b>GMS 1,155,727</b>	<b>GPVC 5,079</b>	<b>DP 1,478,650</b>	<b>LTI 99,280</b>
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Persons who are unable without undue hardship to arrange General Practitioner medical and surgical services plus dental and optometric services for themselves and their dependants are provided with such services free of charge under the GMS Scheme. An eligible person is entitled to select a Doctor of his/her choice, from among those Doctors who have entered into agreements with the Health Service Executive. Drugs, medicines and appliances prescribed by participating Doctors for their GMS patients are provided through Community Pharmacies. Dental and ophthalmic services are provided by Dentists and Optometrists/Ophthalmologists who have contracted with the Health Service Executive. GMS prescription forms may be dispensed in any Pharmacy that has an agreement with the Health Service Executive to dispense GMS prescription forms. In rural areas, where a Doctor has a centre of practice three miles or more from the nearest retail Pharmacy participating in the Scheme, the Doctor dispenses for those persons served from the centre who opt to have their medicines dispensed by

him/her. The number of eligible GMS persons at year end included 53,808 persons who were entitled and had opted to have their medicines dispensed by their GPs.

Under the terms of the Drugs Payment Scheme persons who do not have a medical card may apply for a Drugs Payment Scheme card on an individual or on a family unit basis. Prescribed medicines, which are reimbursable under the GMS, costing in excess of a specified amount per month, currently €85 per family, is claimed by the Pharmacy and is paid by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service.

On approval by the Health Service Executive persons who suffer from one or more of a schedule of illnesses are entitled to obtain, without charge, irrespective of income, necessary drugs/medicines and/or appliances under the LTI Scheme. The Primary Care Reimbursement Service makes payments on behalf of the Health Service Executive for LTI claims submitted by Pharmacies.

### Number of Eligible Persons as at 31st December 2005

Health Service Executive	GMS	GPVC	DP	LTI
Eastern Areas	339,647	767	508,193	52,044
Midland	70,123	165	91,933	5,410
Mid-Western	100,688	261	153,566	7,001
North Eastern	99,566	648	130,931	7,888
North Western	98,915	723	64,325	5,492
South Eastern	139,620	963	151,560	9,936
Southern	173,586	1,245	248,023	6,852
Western	133,582	307	130,119	4,657
<b>National</b>	<b>1,155,727</b>	<b>5,079</b>	<b>1,478,650</b>	<b>99,280</b>
<b>% of Population</b>	<b>29.50%</b>	<b>0.13%</b>	<b>36.57%</b>	<b>2.46%</b>
Corresponding Figures for 2004	1,148,914	-	1,469,251	93,504

**GMS** - General Medical Services Scheme. **GPVC** - GP Visit Card Scheme. **DP** - Drugs Payment Scheme. **LTI** - Long Term Illness Scheme.

# Payments to Doctors

**Fees €291.33m**

Payments to General Practitioners are categorised as fees and/or allowances. For the majority of GPs who operate under the 1989 agreement the principle fee is the capitation per person which is weighted for gender, age and distance from Doctor's centre of practice – capitation fees totalled €206,098,590 in 2005 – an increase of €48,731,232 over 2004. Fees totalling €1,803,460 were paid to 17 GPs who continue to provide services under the Fee-Per-Item of service agreements.

Apart from 'Out-of-Hours' fees and fees for a range of special services the cost of services provided in normal hours by GPs for GMS persons, including the prescribing of necessary medicines, is encompassed by the capitation fee. All GMS persons can avail of full GP services and in many cases they can benefit from specialist clinics provided by GPs for issues such as Women's Health, Family Planning and Asthma.

In addition to a capitation fee an outside normal hours fee is payable for non routine consultations when an eligible GMS person is seen by their

**Allowances €122.70m**

GP or another GP acting on his/her behalf from 5pm in the evening to 9am on the following morning (Monday to Friday) and all hours on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays. The number of 'Out-of-Hours' claims increased to 576,885 in 2005 compared with 547,001 in 2004 – and the cost of such claims increased to €33,506,917 from €24,354,181 in 2004. Special fees are payable for a range of 18 services such as excisions, suturing, vaccinations, catheterization, family planning etc. the most frequent claimed special service in 2005 was Influenza Vaccination (299,094) followed by Excisions (68,152) and E.C.G treatments (49,929) – there was a total of more than 580,722 special services provided in 2005 – special fees totalling €18,499,824 were paid in 2005.

Annual and Study Leave together with locum, nursing and secretarial support plus other practice support payments account for most of the €122,697,221 allowances paid in the year. The total paid in 2004 was €96,591,919.

## Total of Payments to Doctors by Health Service Executive

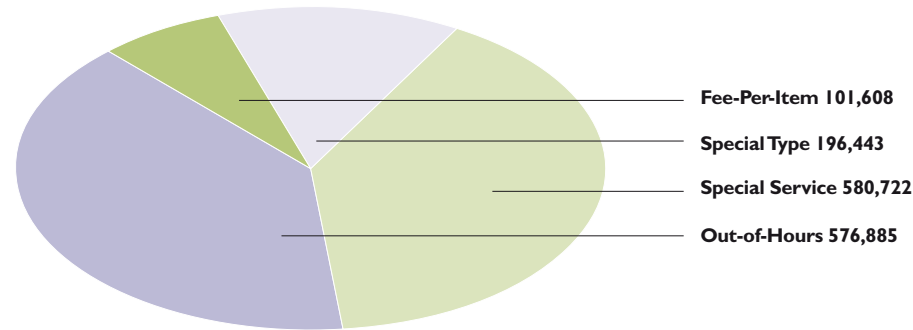
Health Service Executive	2005
East Coast Area	€30,440,924
South Western Area	€47,155,710
Northern Area	€40,616,965
Midland	€26,355,837
Mid-Western	€35,695,113
North Eastern	€34,873,408
North Western	€32,650,491
South Eastern	€49,932,757
Southern	€65,986,796
Western	€50,317,307
<b>National</b>	<b>€414,025,306</b>
Corresponding Figure for 2004	€317,499,398

The total of payments to Doctors includes payments of: €4,804,366 under the Primary Childhood Immunisation Scheme; €227,523 to Doctors who provided services under the Health (Amendment) Act 1996; Heartwatch €1,841,690; Trainers/Trainee Grants €1,808,360 and €4,080,640 under the Methadone Treatment Scheme.

The above figures include the arrears paid resulting from the implementation of the 2005 LRC Agreement.

## Volume of Claims by Doctors

### National – Number of Claims – 2005



### Number of Claims in each Health Service Executive Area

Health Service Executive	Fee-Per-Item	Special Type	Special Service	Out-of-Hours
East Coast Area	–	8,769	37,809	23,779
South Western Area	24,016	17,984	54,537	55,608
Northern Area	25,151	14,139	47,415	43,763
Midland	–	18,425	39,559	37,730
Mid-Western	9,674	21,619	46,479	41,837
North Eastern	–	9,678	45,768	9,254
North Western	–	12,864	53,271	47,054
South Eastern	10,193	17,578	78,693	81,075
Southern	32,574	44,545	96,256	141,694
Western	–	30,842	80,935	95,091
<b>National</b>	<b>101,608</b>	<b>196,443</b>	<b>580,722</b>	<b>576,885</b>
Corresponding figures for 2004	102,462	186,460	532,803	547,001

A majority of Doctors are paid an annual capitation fee for each eligible person – the rate of payment is determined by the age/gender of the person and distance between each person’s residence and the centre of practice of their Doctor-of-Choice. A minority of Doctors (17) who have continued to provide services under the Fee-Per-Item of Service agreement are paid a fee for each Doctor/Patient contact.

A Special Type Consultation (STC) fee is payable when a GMS eligible person is unable to contact their registered Doctor and is seen as an emergency case by another. General Practitioners qualify for payment of ‘special fees’ for the special items of service separately identified under the Capitation agreement and the Fee-Per-Item agreement.

## Payments to Pharmacies

**GMS €831.44m**

**DP €246.68m**

**LTI €100.55m**

**EEA €1.88m**

A GMS person who is provided with a properly completed GMS prescription form by his/her GP can choose to have such prescription forms dispensed in any of the Pharmacies who have entered into agreements with the Health Service Executive for the provision of services under Section 59 of the Health Act, 1970.

In 2005 there were 13.2m prescription forms containing 37m prescription items dispensed at a cost of over €816,303,561 i.e. an average cost of €21.81 per dispensed item. More than 95% of all eligible GMS persons were prescribed for in the year. The average cost of medicines per GMS person in 2005 was €750.04.

Payments made to Pharmacies under the GMS and DTS Schemes are inclusive of the ingredient cost of medicines, dispensing fees and VAT. Under DP, LTI and EEA Schemes Pharmacies are reimbursed the

ingredient cost of items dispensed; dispensing fees and VAT; a markup of up to 50% on the ingredient cost of items dispensed is also paid.

The cost of the High Tech Drugs Scheme was €177.48m – at year end there were 31,510 persons registered under this Scheme – Patient Care Fees totalled €8.7m and payments for drugs and medicines totalled €168.76m.

In the year the Primary Care Reimbursement Service processed claims valued at €318.6m on drugs acting on the ‘cardiovascular system’ (GMS €200.68m, DP €97.72m, LTI €20.20m). The second highest cost category was drugs acting on the ‘nervous system’ €237.01m (GMS €164.84m, DP €58.16m, LTI €14.01m). The third highest amount paid was for drugs acting on the alimentary tract and metabolism system €212.85m (GMS €126.64m, DP €57.83m, LTI €28.38m).

### Total of Payments to Pharmacies by Health Service Executive

Health Service Executive	GMS €	DP €	LTI €	*EEA €
East Coast Area	59,006,019	23,341,231	12,114,274	64,303
South Western Area	94,743,861	41,200,688	17,784,470	112,307
Northern Area	91,389,300	35,915,992	15,162,437	62,192
Midland	57,193,332	14,105,133	5,940,055	77,502
Mid-Western	76,358,730	20,726,149	6,557,278	184,670
North Eastern	72,217,128	20,564,876	8,928,228	119,683
North Western	53,715,449	8,422,499	5,534,647	249,913
South Eastern	102,863,194	23,996,493	10,267,489	237,992
Southern	133,061,175	37,371,322	11,597,622	432,790
Western	90,894,435	18,841,555	6,660,143	338,257
<b>National</b>	<b>€831,442,623</b>	<b>€244,485,938</b>	<b>€100,546,643</b>	<b>€1,879,609</b>
Corresponding Figures for 2004	€763,318,073	€223,958,894	€85,551,069	€1,791,527

\* **EEA** – Payment to Pharmacies to cover the cost of GMS prescriptions dispensed for residents from the European Economic Area.

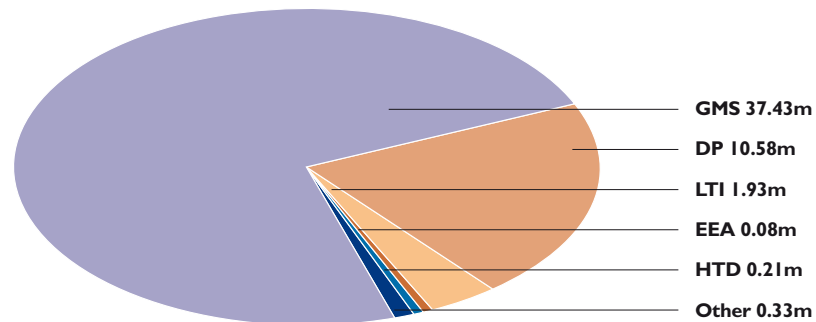
Pharmacies were also paid in respect of the drugs/medicines dispensed under: Health (Amendment) Act 1996 – €1,483,077; Methadone Treatment Scheme – €6,780,362; DTS Scheme – €598,687 and Patient Care Fees totalling €8,726,632 under the High Tech Drugs Scheme. (Payments to Wholesalers under the High Tech Drugs Scheme amounted to €168,757,201).

In 2005 The National Maternity Hospital was paid €496,813 and The Rotunda Hospital was paid €1,700,415 in respect of Fertility Treatment. These figures are not included in the above table.



## Volume of Claims by Pharmacies

### National – Number of Items – 2005



GMS prescription forms processed for payment in the year totalled 13.2m – the total of prescribed items was more than 37m – these accounted for approximately 74% of all items paid for by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service in 2005.

Approximately 38.83% of GMS forms contained a single item; more than 20.15% contained 2 items – the average number of items per form

was 2.83 (2004 – 2.74).

GMS dispensed items paid for by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service in 2005 increased by more than 2,397,521 – the increase in the number of DP items was more than 649,055 – the overall increase in the number of pharmacy claims processed by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service in the year was more than 3.3m.

### Number of Items in each Health Service Executive Area

Health Service Executive	GMS	DP	LTI	EEA	HTD	*Other
East Coast Area	2,700,203	1,035,673	217,736	3,119	16,732	32,657
South Western Area	4,417,734	1,627,715	333,906	4,742	27,824	110,193
Northern Area	4,066,787	1,471,639	293,019	2,773	22,813	85,562
Midland	2,531,618	648,992	113,245	3,394	13,074	9,616
Mid-Western	3,508,363	933,744	139,286	8,146	16,058	14,861
North Eastern	3,256,141	946,459	170,743	4,953	19,647	14,984
North Western	2,367,623	365,789	106,485	11,233	15,219	6,636
South Eastern	4,629,133	1,122,397	205,637	9,881	22,375	17,548
Southern	6,080,556	1,622,359	225,390	19,021	28,842	22,868
Western	3,869,616	806,922	123,664	14,703	24,057	13,194
<b>National</b>	<b>37,427,774</b>	<b>10,581,689</b>	<b>1,929,111</b>	<b>81,965</b>	<b>206,641</b>	<b>328,119</b>
Corresponding Figures for 2004	35,030,253	9,932,634	1,674,707	80,530	177,937	291,625

\* This group includes: 48,975 claim items in respect of the Health (Amendment) Act 1996; 203,385 items under the Methadone Treatment Scheme and 75,759 prescription items under the DTS Scheme.  
**GMS** – General Medical Services Scheme. **DP** – Drugs Payment Scheme. **LTI** – Long Term Illness Scheme. **EEA** – European Economic Area. **HTD** – High Tech Drugs Scheme.  
**Other** – Methadone Treatment Scheme, Health (Amendment) Act 1996 and Dental Treatment Services Scheme.

## Payments to Dentists

### Above the line €35.63m

Dentists were paid a total of €54,402,901 in 2005, in respect of treatments provided for more than 242,865 GMS persons under the DTS Scheme.

The following treatments were available to all eligible GMS persons.

**ROUTINE:** Routine treatments are categorised as either 'Above the Line' or 'Below the Line':

'Above the Line' treatments are uncomplicated procedures viz. Amalgam; Extractions;

'Below the Line' treatments are advanced procedures viz. Protracted Periodontal; Prosthetics.

### Below the line €18.77m

'Below the Line' treatments – prior Health Service Executive approval for a specific course of treatment under this category is required. Full denture treatment is available, with prior Health Service Executive approval, to all edentulous GMS persons over 16 years.

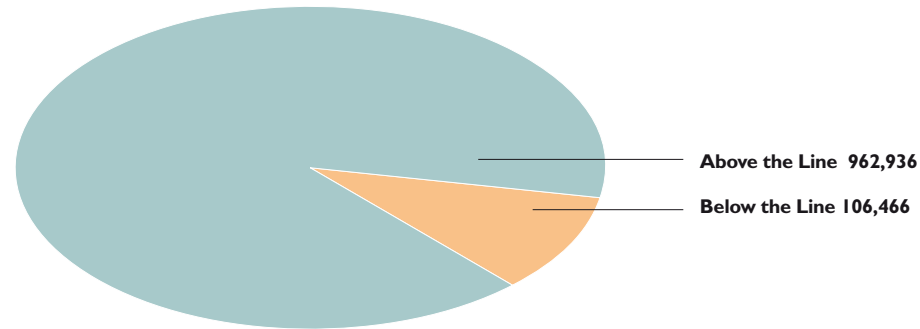
### Payments to Dentists in each Health Service Executive Area

Health Service Executive	2005
Eastern Areas	€14,472,331
Midland	€3,001,007
Mid-Western	€4,787,246
North Eastern	€4,448,018
North Western	€3,808,938
South Eastern	€6,774,939
Southern	€9,689,962
Western	€7,420,460
<b>National</b>	<b>€54,402,901</b>
Corresponding Figure for 2004	€ 52,432,828

*Dentists were also paid a total of €55,922 in 2005 in respect of treatments under the Health (Amendment) Act 1996.*

# Volume of Claims by Dentists

## National – Volume of Treatments – 2005



## Volume of Treatments by Dentists in each Health Service Executive Area

Health Service Executive	+Above the Line	+Below the Line	No. of persons treated under DTS
Eastern Areas	264,154	26,094	63,982
Midland	51,924	6,728	13,614
Mid-Western	82,458	10,833	22,236
North Eastern	77,217	9,795	20,410
North Western	75,373	5,329	18,387
South Eastern	115,584	14,822	29,713
Southern	178,104	17,445	44,929
Western	118,122	15,420	29,594
<b>National</b>	<b>962,936</b>	<b>106,466</b>	<b>242,865</b>
Corresponding Figures for 2004	968,665	104,850	237,828

ROUTINE – Routine treatments are categorised as either ‘Above the Line’ or ‘Below the Line’:

‘Above the Line’ (ATL) treatments are uncomplicated procedures;

‘Below the Line’ (BTL) treatments are advanced procedures.

+ The most frequently used ATL service was Amalgam Restoration, which was used by 94,187 patients followed by Oral Examination. In the BTL category the most frequently used service was Prosthetics followed by Radiographs and Protracted Periodontal.

## Payments to Optometrists/Ophthalmologists

Under the Health Service Executive Community Ophthalmic Services Scheme, Optometric/Ophthalmic services are provided to adult medical cardholders, which include free eye examinations and necessary spectacles/appliances.

Payments in respect of spectacles provided under the Children's Scheme are also made by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service on behalf of the majority of Health Service Executive Areas.

Payments in respect of eye examinations and necessary spectacles/appliances are provided under the Teenager's Scheme for eligible medical card holders on behalf of certain Health Service Executive Areas.

In the 12-month period to the end of December 2005 claims were received on behalf of eligible persons for 175,093 treatments costing €15,833,940.

Eye examinations by Optometrists/Ophthalmologists totalled 168,400 - complete spectacles (distance, reading and bi-focals) provided under the Scheme totalled 249,133. The balance of treatments included replacement lenses and frames, tinted lenses, prisms and contact lenses. A breakdown of treatments and payments in each Health Service Executive area is shown hereunder.

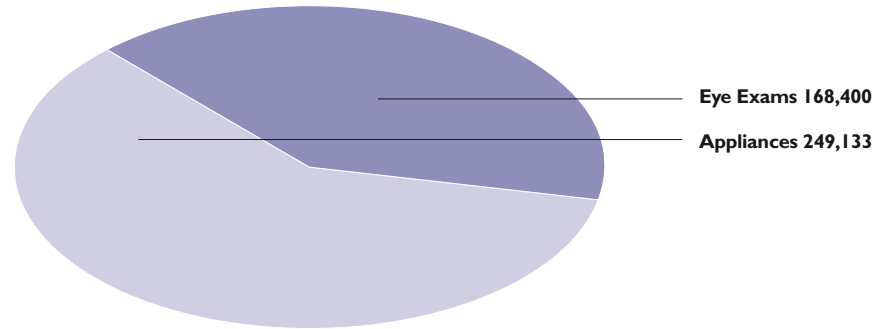
### Payments to Optometrists/Ophthalmologists in each Health Service Executive Area

Health Service Executive	2005
Eastern Areas	€4,771,686
Midland	€1,075,739
Mid-Western	€1,409,210
North Eastern	€1,225,170
North Western	€1,283,706
South Eastern	€2,198,744
Southern	€2,438,926
Western	€1,430,759
<b>National</b>	<b>€15,833,940</b>
Corresponding Figure for 2004	€16,273,620

*Opticians were also paid in respect of: Health (Amendment) Act 1996 €44,541; Optical services for Teenagers €83,210; Optical services for Children €1,038,488.*

## Volume of Treatments by Optometrists/Ophthalmologists

National – Volume of Treatments – 2005

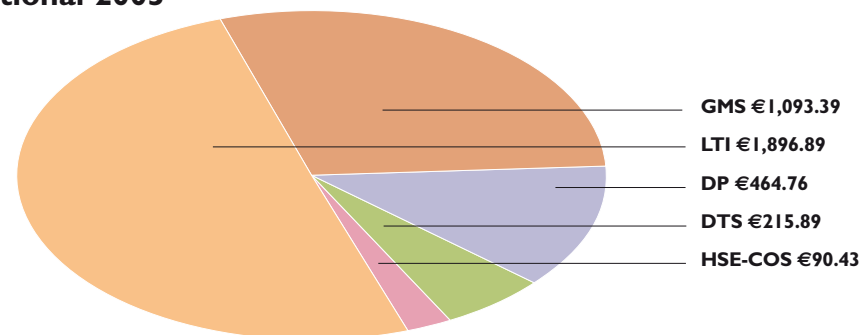


### Volume of Treatments by Optometrists/Ophthalmologists in each Health Service Executive Area

Health Service Executive	Eye Exams	Appliances	Volume of Treatments	No. of Persons Treated
Eastern Areas	50,666	72,555	123,221	52,030
Midland	10,337	15,804	26,141	11,349
Mid-Western	14,044	23,474	37,518	15,648
North Eastern	13,366	20,054	33,420	13,503
North Western	14,902	20,490	35,392	15,100
South Eastern	23,261	36,118	59,379	24,695
Southern	26,348	37,722	64,070	26,744
Western	15,476	22,916	38,392	16,024
<b>National</b>	<b>168,400</b>	<b>249,133</b>	<b>417,533</b>	<b>175,093</b>
Corresponding Figures for 2004	165,526	248,658	414,184	173,155

## Cost per Person

### National 2005



### Cost per Person in each Health Service Executive Area

Health Service Executive	GMS			LTI	DP	DTS	HSE-COS
	Doctor Cost €	Pharmacy Cost €	Total Cost €	Pharmacy Cost €	Net Cost Per Claimant €	Per Person Treated €	Per Adult Treated €
Eastern Areas	332.93	727.12	1,060.05	2,000.94	541.26	224.64	91.71
Midland	353.48	833.55	1,187.03	1,927.96	429.47	200.25	94.79
Mid-Western	332.44	776.40	1,108.84	1,613.90	425.10	200.39	90.06
North Eastern	338.74	775.19	1,113.93	1,877.65	413.02	207.51	90.73
North Western	322.96	629.01	951.97	1,830.85	442.68	184.09	85.01
South Eastern	349.61	764.57	1,114.18	1,841.37	438.76	216.82	89.04
Southern	361.87	789.96	1,151.83	1,854.73	417.85	210.44	91.20
Western	360.71	739.60	1,100.31	1,783.17	410.45	248.71	89.29
<b>National</b>	<b>€343.35</b>	<b>€750.04</b>	<b>€1,093.39</b>	<b>€1,896.89</b>	<b>€464.76</b>	<b>€215.89</b>	<b>€90.43</b>
Corresponding Figures for 2004	€261.53	€692.73	€954.26	€1,693.21	€448.22	€220.47	€93.98

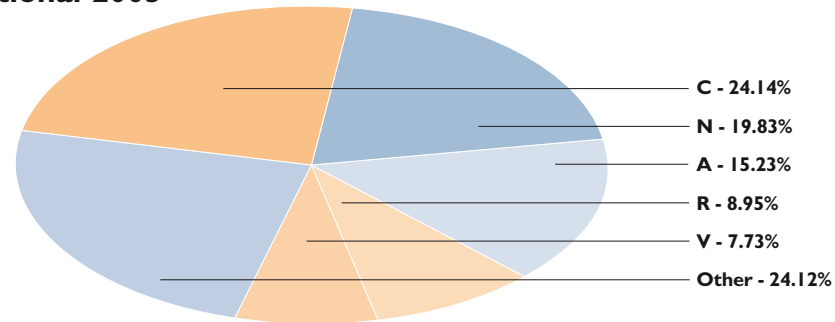
The Doctor cost above does not include superannuation paid to retired DMOs.

The above table shows the actual cost per person in respect of those who availed of services under each Scheme in 2005.

Medical and pharmaceutical services delivered to GMS persons increased in cost from €954.26 in 2004 to €1,093.39 in 2005 an increase of €139.13 per person - the cost of medical services per person increased in cost from €261.53 in 2004 to €343.35 in 2005 an increase of 31.29% as did the cost per person of pharmaceutical services €692.73 in 2004 to €750.04 in 2005 an increase of 8.27%.

## Major Therapeutic Classification of Drugs, Medicines and Appliances - General Medical Services Scheme

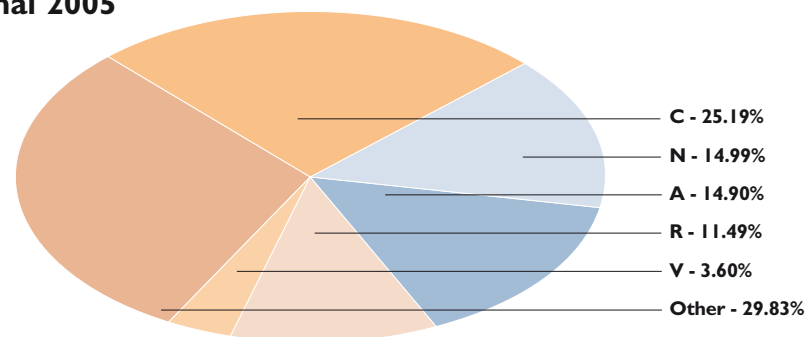
National 2005



Major Therapeutic Classification	€m	%
<b>A Alimentary Tract and Metabolism</b>	<b>126.64</b>	<b>15.23</b>
<b>B Blood and Blood Forming Organs</b>	37.39	4.50
<b>C Cardiovascular System</b>	<b>200.68</b>	<b>24.14</b>
<b>D Dermatologicals</b>	16.84	2.03
<b>G Genito Urinary System and Sex Hormones</b>	31.71	3.81
<b>H Systemic Hormonal Preps. excl. Sex Hormones and Insulins</b>	7.26	0.87
<b>J Anti-infectives for Systemic Use</b>	31.07	3.74
<b>L Antineoplastic and Immunomodulating Agents</b>	7.34	0.88
<b>M Musculo-Skeletal System</b>	53.08	6.38
<b>N Nervous System</b>	<b>164.84</b>	<b>19.83</b>
<b>P Antiparasitic Products, Insecticides and Repellents</b>	0.63	0.07
<b>R Respiratory System</b>	<b>74.44</b>	<b>8.95</b>
<b>S Sensory Organs</b>	15.27	1.84
<b>V Clinical Nutritional Products</b>	30.64	3.69
Diagnostic Products	14.53	1.75
Ostomy Appliances	9.15	1.10
Urinary Appliances	3.26	0.39
Needles/Syringes/Lancets	2.48	0.30
Other Therapeutic Products	1.65	0.20
Dressings	1.53	0.18
Miscellaneous	1.01	0.12
<b>Total</b>	<b>€831.44m</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Major Therapeutic Classification of Drugs, Medicines and Appliances - Drugs Payment Scheme

National 2005



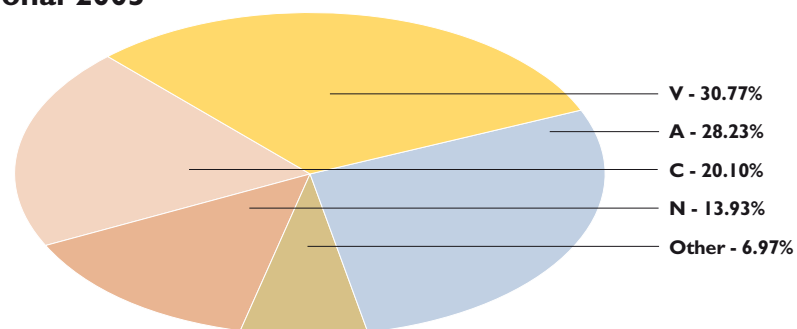
Major Therapeutic Classification	€m	%
<b>A Alimentary Tract and Metabolism</b>	<b>57.83</b>	<b>14.90</b>
<b>B Blood and Blood Forming Organs</b>	12.35	3.18
<b>C Cardiovascular System</b>	<b>97.72</b>	<b>25.19</b>
<b>D Dermatologicals</b>	18.82	4.85
<b>G Genito Urinary System and Sex Hormones</b>	28.88	7.44
<b>H Systemic Hormonal Preps. excl. Sex Hormones and Insulins</b>	2.87	0.74
<b>J Anti-infectives for Systemic Use</b>	18.00	4.64
<b>L Antineoplastic and Immunomodulating Agents</b>	5.35	1.38
<b>M Musculo-Skeletal System</b>	24.83	6.40
<b>N Nervous System</b>	<b>58.16</b>	<b>14.99</b>
<b>P Antiparasitic Products, Insecticides and Repellents</b>	0.55	0.14
<b>R Respiratory System</b>	<b>44.58</b>	<b>11.49</b>
<b>S Sensory Organs</b>	4.12	1.06
<b>V Clinical Nutritional Products</b>	6.03	1.56
Ostomy Appliances	4.41	1.14
Urinary Appliances	1.29	0.33
Diagnostic Products	0.87	0.22
Dressings	0.46	0.12
Needles/Syringes/Lancets	0.19	0.05
Other Therapeutic Products	0.40	0.10
Miscellaneous	0.31	0.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>€388.02m</b>	<b>100%</b>

Note: The above costs are inclusive of the monthly payment of €85 payable to the Pharmacy by the individual or family.



## Major Therapeutic Classification of Drugs, Medicines and Appliances – Long Term Illness Scheme

National 2005



Major Therapeutic Classification	€m	%
<b>A Alimentary Tract and Metabolism</b>	<b>28.38</b>	<b>28.23</b>
B Blood and Blood Forming Organs	1.95	1.94
<b>C Cardiovascular System</b>	<b>20.20</b>	<b>20.10</b>
D Dermatologicals	0.16	0.15
G Genito Urinary System and Sex Hormones	0.92	0.92
H Systemic Hormonal Preps. excl. Sex Hormones and Insulins	0.72	0.72
J Anti-infectives for Systemic Use	1.85	1.84
L Antineoplastic and Immunomodulating Agents	0.09	0.09
M Musculo-Skeletal System	0.63	0.62
<b>N Nervous System</b>	<b>14.01</b>	<b>13.93</b>
P Antiparasitic Products, Insecticides and Repellents	0.00	0.00
R Respiratory System	0.53	0.53
S Sensory Organs	0.16	0.16
<b>V</b> Diagnostic Products	20.40	20.28
Clinical Nutritional Products	4.80	4.78
Needles/Syringes/Lancets/Swabs	3.65	3.63
Urinary Appliances	0.78	0.77
Nutritional/Ancillary Devices	0.65	0.65
Dressings	0.13	0.13
Ostomy Appliances	0.16	0.16
Other Therapeutic Products	0.05	0.05
Miscellaneous	0.32	0.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>€100.54m</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Summary of Statistical Information relating to the GMS Scheme for each of the five years 2001-2005

	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Number of Eligible Persons in December	1,155,727	1,148,914	1,158,143	1,168,745	1,199,454
<b>Doctors</b>	<b>(000's)</b>	<b>(000's)</b>	<b>(000's)</b>	<b>(000's)</b>	<b>(000's)</b>
Total Payments	€403,071	€306,250	€286,830	€271,939	€203,863
Doctors' Payment per Person	€343.35	€261.53	€247.66	€221.15	€169.46
<b>Pharmacies</b>	<b>(000's)</b>	<b>(000's)</b>	<b>(000's)</b>	<b>(000's)</b>	<b>(000's)</b>
Total Cost of Prescriptions	€816,304	€747,905	€636,566	€537,874	€422,464
Ingredient Cost	€653,251	€585,122	€503,578	€423,269	€329,497
Dispensing Fee	€147,860	€149,081	€121,115	€104,827	€85,413
VAT	€15,193	€13,702	€11,873	€9,778	€7,554
Number of Forms	13,227	12,794	12,243	11,551	10,454
Number of Items	37,428	35,030	32,241	29,500	25,521
Cost per Form	€61.71	€58.46	€51.99	€46.57	€40.41
Cost per Item	€21.81	€21.35	€19.74	€18.24	€16.55
Ingredient Cost per Item	€17.45	€16.70	€15.62	€14.35	€12.91
Items per Form	2.83	2.74	2.63	2.55	2.44
	<b>(000's)</b>	<b>(000's)</b>	<b>(000's)</b>	<b>(000's)</b>	<b>(000's)</b>
Total Cost of Stock Orders	€15,139	€15,413	€14,096	€13,018	€11,555
Ingredient Cost	€11,714	€11,944	€10,904	€10,059	€8,945
Pharmacy Fees	€2,927	€2,986	€2,726	€2,515	€2,222
VAT	€498	€483	€466	€444	€388
	<b>(000's)</b>	<b>(000's)</b>	<b>(000's)</b>	<b>(000's)</b>	<b>(000's)</b>
Overall Cost of Medicines	€831,443	€763,318	€650,662	€550,892	€434,019
*Pharmacy Payment per Person	€750.04	€692.73	€595.16		
<b>Overall Payments</b>	<b>€1,234,514</b>	<b>€1,069,568</b>	<b>€937,493</b>	<b>€822,831</b>	<b>€637,882</b>
<b>*Overall Payment per Person</b>	<b>€1,093.39</b>	<b>€954.26</b>	<b>€842.82</b>		

Doctors' payment per person is exclusive of superannuation paid to retired DMOs.

\*Since 2003 these figures are based on the actual number of persons who availed of services.

## Summary of Statistical Information relating to the LTI/DP Schemes for each of the five years 2001-2005

	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
<b>LTI Scheme</b>					
Number of Eligible Persons in December	99,280	93,504	97,184	92,745	87,988
*Number of Claimants	53,006	50,526	48,053		
	<b>(000's)</b>	<b>(000's)</b>	<b>(000's)</b>	<b>(000's)</b>	<b>(000's)</b>
Number of Items	1,929	1,675	1,464	1,280	1,157
Total Cost	€100,547	€85,551	€73,348	€61,636	€52,081
Cost per Item	€52.12	€51.08	€50.11	€48.15	€44.98
*Cost per Claimant	€1,896.89	€1,693.21	€1,526.40		
<b>DP Scheme</b>					
Number of Eligible Persons in December	1,478,650	1,469,251	1,396,813	1,319,395	1,156,836
*Number of Claimants	526,052	499,664	474,411		
	<b>(000's)</b>	<b>(000's)</b>	<b>(000's)</b>	<b>(000's)</b>	<b>(000's)</b>
Number of Items	10,582	9,933	9,311	9,063	8,985
Gross Cost	€388,021	€351,144	€315,832	€287,489	€262,187
Net Cost	€244,486	€223,959	€204,422	€192,366	€177,617
Gross Cost per Item	€36.67	€35.35	€33.92	€31.72	€29.18
*Net Cost per Claimant	€464.76	€448.22	€430.90		

\*Since 2003 these figures are based on the actual number of persons who availed of services under each Scheme.

## Fees and Allowances under Capitation Agreement as at 31st December 2005

Ages	Up to 3 Miles		3-5 Miles		5-7 Miles		7-10 Miles		Over 10 Miles	
	Male €	Female €	Male €	Female €	Male €	Female €	Male €	Female €	Male €	Female €
Under 5 years	77.57	75.75	81.50	79.70	87.30	85.54	93.04	91.28	100.15	98.38
5 – 15	46.54	47.03	48.17	48.65	50.56	51.11	52.88	53.39	55.80	56.25
16 – 44	58.40	93.21	60.52	95.33	63.64	98.43	66.71	101.00	70.47	105.26
45 – 64	113.05	123.86	118.12	128.93	125.60	136.40	132.98	143.81	142.16	152.94
65 – 69	118.90	132.23	133.00	146.34	153.94	167.26	174.48	187.82	200.04	213.41
70 and over	129.62	143.36	144.14	157.92	165.78	179.53	187.00	200.77	213.38	227.18

Above rates inclusive of supplementary Out-of-Hours Fee.

The Capitation rate is €594 per annum for persons aged 70 years and over in the community issued with a medical card for the first time regardless of income. A Capitation rate of €861 per annum will apply to anyone aged 70 years and over in a private nursing home (approved by the Health Service Executive) for continuous periods in excess of five weeks.

<p><b>Out-of-Hours Payment</b></p> <p>Surgery €44.76</p> <p>Domiciliary</p> <p>Up to 3 miles €44.76</p> <p>3 - 5 miles €59.73</p> <p>5 - 7 miles €67.24</p> <p>7 - 10 miles €74.63</p> <p>Over 10 miles €89.58</p> <p>Additional Fee €34.94</p>	<p><b>Temporary Residents</b></p> <p>Surgery €44.76</p> <p>Domiciliary</p> <p>Up to 3 miles €44.76</p> <p>3 - 5 miles €59.73</p> <p>5 - 7 miles €67.24</p> <p>7 - 10 miles €74.63</p> <p>Over 10 miles €89.58</p> <p>Rural Dispensing Fee €13.62</p> <p>Fee for Second Medical Opinion €29.87</p>	<p><b>Contributions to Locum Expenses</b> (Subject to the conditions of the Agreement)</p> <p>Annual Leave — Up to a maximum of</p> <p>Sick Leave — €1,558.66 per week</p> <p>Study Leave — Up to a maximum of</p> <p>Maternity Leave — €222.67 per day</p> <p>Paternity Leave</p>
<p><b>*Special Items of Service</b></p> <p>(i) to (ix) €27.99</p> <p>(x) and (xi) €42.01</p> <p>(xii) €70.02</p> <p>(xiii) €47.13</p> <p>(xiv) €75.41</p> <p>(xv) and (xvi) €37.78</p> <p>(xvii) €56.67</p> <p>(xviii) €136.24</p> <p>+Mileage</p>	<p><b>Practice Payments for Rural Areas</b></p> <p>Rural Practice Allowance</p> <p>Per Annum €18,307.08</p> <p><b>Practice Support</b></p> <p>Allowance for Practice Secretary up to a maximum Per Annum of €24,586.82</p> <p>Allowance for Practice Nurse up to a maximum Per Annum of €38,636.45</p>	<p><b>Contributions to Medical Indemnity Insurance</b></p> <p>Calculation of contribution is related to GMS panel numbers and net premium.</p> <p><b>Asylum Seekers</b></p> <p>A one off superannuable registration fee of €172.21 per relevant patient will be paid to Doctors in respect of each such patient on their GMS Scheme panels.</p>

\* Special Items of Service.

- (i) Excisions/Cryotherapy/Diathermy of Skin Lesions.
- (ii) Suturing of Cuts and Lacerations.
- (iii) Draining of Hydroceles.
- (iv) Treatment and Plugging of Dental and Nasal Haemorrhages.
- (v) Recognised Vein Treatment.
- (vi) ECG Tests and their Interpretation.
- (vii) Instruction in the fitting of a Diaphragm.
- (viii) Removal of Adherent Foreign Bodies from the Conjunctival Surface of the Eye.
- (ix) Removal of Lodged or Impacted Foreign Bodies from the Ear, Nose and Throat.
- (x) Nebuliser Treatment in the case of Acute Asthmatic Attack.
- (xi) Bladder Catheterization.
- (xii) Attendance at case conferences (in cases where such are convened by the HSE).
- (xiii) Advice and Fitting of a Diaphragm.
- (xiv) Counselling and Fitting of an IUCD.
- (xv) Pneumococcal Vaccination.
- (xvi) Influenza Vaccination.
- (xvii) Pneumococcal/Influenza Vaccination.
- (xviii) Hepatitis B Vaccination.

## Fees and Allowances under the Fee-Per-Item Agreement and Fees under the Immunisation Scheme, Health (Amendment) Act 1996 and Methadone Treatment Scheme as at 31st December 2005

<b>Surgery Consultations</b>			<b>Locum and Practice Expense Allowance</b>		
Day	Normal Hours	€12.33	Per Annum	€1,547.86	
Late	Outside Normal Hours other than (Night)	€17.53			
Night	Midnight to 8.00 a.m.	€34.68			
<b>Domiciliary Consultations</b>			<b>Sessional Rate - Homes for the Aged</b>		
Day	Normal Hours		Per 3 Hour Session	€82.62	
	Urban	€18.19	<b>* Special Items of Service</b>		
	Up to 3 miles	€18.19	(i) to (vii)	€25.32	
	3 - 5 miles	€23.82	(viii) and (ix)	€37.78	
	5 - 7 miles	€32.00	(x)	€56.67	
	7 - 10 miles	€40.12	(xi)	€136.24	
	Over 10 miles	€50.17			
Late	<b>Outside Normal Hours</b>		<b>Immunisation Fees</b>		
	Urban	€23.82	(i) Registration of child with a GP	€36.10	
	Up to 3 miles	€23.82	(ii) Complete course of immunisation against PT/DT; Hib; Polio and MMR	€120.28	
	3 - 5 miles	€30.82	(iii) 95% uptake bonus	€57.93	
	5 - 7 miles	€40.12			
	7 - 10 miles	€53.30	<b>Health (Amendment) Act 1996</b>		
	Over 10 miles	€62.50	Surgery Fee	€34.46	
Night	<b>Midnight to 8.00 a.m.</b>		Domiciliary Fee	€45.45	
	Urban	€46.71	<b>Methadone Treatment Scheme</b>		
	Up to 3 miles	€46.71	Level 1 Contractor	€141.40	
	3 - 5 miles	€60.03	Level 2 Contractor	€155.94	
	5 - 7 miles	€75.94			
	7 - 10 miles	€84.73			
	Over 10 miles	€91.99			
	<b>Emergency Fee/EEA Fee (Additional to Standard Fee)</b>	€13.49			
	Dispensing Fee	€13.49			
	<b>Rural Practitioner's Allowance</b>				
	Per Annum	€7,951.07			

- \* Special Items of Service.
- (i) Excisions/Cryotherapy/ Diathermy of Skin Lesions.
  - (ii) Suturing of Cuts and Lacerations.
  - (iii) Draining of Hydroceles.
  - (iv) Treatment and Plugging of Dental and Nasal Haemorrhages.
  - (v) Recognised Vein Treatment.
  - (vi) ECG Tests and their Interpretation.
  - (vii) Instruction in the fitting of a Diaphragm.
  - (viii) Pneumococcal Vaccination.
  - (ix) Influenza Vaccination.
  - (x) Pneumococcal/Influenza Vaccination.
  - (xi) Hepatitis B Vaccination.

## Scale of Fees Payable to Participating Pharmacists as at 31st December 2005

GMS Scheme		€
<b>Standard Fee-Per-Item (Note 1)</b>		3.26
<b>Extemporaneous Fee</b>		6.28
<b>Extemporaneous dispensing and compounding of</b>		
- Powders		18.83
- Ointments and Creams		12.56
<b>Controlled Drugs</b>		5.07
<b>Non-Dispensing - exercise of professional judgement</b>		3.14
<b>Phased Dispensing - each part of phased dispensing</b>		3.14
<b>Urgent/Late Dispensing</b>		
Additional fee for Urgent/Late dispensing other than between midnight and 8.00 a.m. (Note 2)		8.81
Additional fee for Urgent/Late dispensing between midnight and 8.00 a.m.		18.24
<b>Note 1</b>	€2.78 basic fee and €0.48 allowance for containers, obsolescence etc.	
<b>Note 2</b>	Urgent fee prescriptions are those so specified by the prescriber and necessarily dispensed outside normal hours. Late fee prescriptions are those which, though not marked urgent, are in exceptional circumstances necessarily dispensed outside normal hours by the Pharmacist, having regard to the person's requirements.	
<b>Note 3</b>	A Standard Fee-Per-Item is also payable on prescription forms issued by Dentists under the DTS Scheme.	
<b>Note 4</b>	A Fee-Per-Item of €4.21 is also payable on prescription forms in respect of persons aged 70 years and over issued with a medical card for the first time regardless of income.	
<b>Supplies to Dispensing Doctors</b>		
Pharmacies supplying Dispensing Doctors are reimbursed on the basis of the basic trade price with the addition of 25% on cost.		
<b>DP/LTI/EEA Schemes and Health (Amendment) Act 1996</b>		
<b>Reimbursement of ingredient cost plus 50% mark-up on ingredient cost plus Standard Fee - €2.86 (Note 1)</b>		
<b>20% mark-up on Incontinence Products and Dressings under DP Scheme</b>		
Extemporaneously dispensed preparations are reimbursed at current private prescription rates. In the case of the Drugs Payment Scheme the PCRS makes payments to Pharmacies in respect of authorised Patients whose monthly costs of prescribed drugs and medicines are in excess of the specified monthly amount ( <b>currently €85</b> ) payable to the Pharmacy by an individual or family.		
<b>Note 1</b>	The standard fee is an all inclusive fee which includes container and broken bulk allowance.	
<b>High Tech Medicines Scheme</b>		
<b>Patient Care Fee: €54.82 per month.</b>		
<b>Methadone Treatment Scheme</b>		
<b>Patient Care Fee: Up to a Maximum of €54.80 per month.</b>		

## Scale of Fees Payable under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme as at 31st December 2005

Treatment Type	Routine €
Oral Examination	29.91
Prophylaxis	28.10
Restoration (Amalgam)	45.21
Restoration (Composite) 6 anterior teeth only	46.86
Exodontics (Extraction under local anaesthetic)	35.72
Surgical Extraction - Maximum 3 units:	
Fee payable for each 15 minute unit	31.81
Maximum	95.43
1st Stage Endodontic Treatment (Anterior teeth only)	51.75
<b>Denture Repairs</b>	
1st Item of Repair	41.15
Each Subsequent Item	13.19
Maximum	67.53
Apicectomy/Amputation of Roots	*Dentist Estimate
Endodontics (Anterior teeth only)	*Dentist Estimate
Protracted Periodontal Treatment	*Dentist Estimate
<b>Radiographs</b>	
1 Film	22.38
2 or more Films	33.83
Panoramic	37.46
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
(e.g. Abscess, Haemorrhage, Dressings etc.)	20.46
<b>Prosthetics</b>	
Full Upper or Lower Denture (Other than Edentulous Persons)	280.50
Partial Upper or Lower Acrylic Denture	205.74
Complete Upper or Lower Reline	112.29
Complete Upper and Lower Reline	186.91
Full Upper and Lower Denture (Edentulous Persons Only)	411.64

\* Dentist Estimates are subject to agreement between a Dentist and the Health Service Executive Area.

## Scale of Fees Payable under the Health Service Executive Community Ophthalmic Services Scheme

As as 31st December 2005	€		€
<b>Examinations</b>		Single Vision Lenses (2) (Plastic) Distance	53.32 (H)
Eye Examination Ophthalmic Optician	21.57	Single Vision Lens (1) (Plastic) Reading	26.66 (H)
Eye Examination Ophthalmologist/ Ophthalmic Medical Practitioner	24.48	Single Vision Lenses (2) (Plastic) Reading	53.32 (H)
Medical Eye Examination by Ophthalmologist	48.96	<b>Additional Specification for Lenses to All Spectacle Types</b>	
Eye Examination for Contact Lenses (Grant)	67.73 (H)	Special grant towards additional specification for lens (1) – applies to all spectacle types	81.38 (H)
Eye Examination Ophthalmic (Dilation)	43.14	Special grant towards additional specification for lenses (2) – applies to all spectacle types	162.75 (H)
<b>Appliances</b>		<b>Other Items - Single Vision</b>	
<b>Single Vision Complete Appliances</b>		Lenticular Lens (1 Surface)	11.50
Spectacles – Distance	41.21	Lenticular Lenses (2 Surfaces)	23.00
Spectacles - Reading	41.21	Lenticular Lenses (3 Surfaces)	34.50
Spectacles - Uncollected	28.61	Lenticular Lenses (4 Surfaces)	46.00
Contact Lenses (Pair)	41.21	Tinted Lens (1)	7.30
Contact Lenses Standard or Disposable per pair (Grant)	63.89 (H)	Tinted Lenses (2)	14.59
Single Vision Spectacles - with Glass Lenses Distance	121.25 (H)	Tinted Lenses (3)	21.89
Single Vision Spectacles - with Glass Lenses Reading	121.25 (H)	Tinted Lenses (4)	29.18
Single Vision Spectacles - with Plastic Lenses Distance	130.28 (H)	Prism (1)	6.23
Single Vision Spectacles - with Plastic Lenses Reading	130.28 (H)	Prisms (2)	12.45
<b>Single Vision Lenses to Own Frame</b>		Prisms (3)	18.68
Replacement Distance Lens (1) to own frame	16.02	Prisms (4)	24.91
Replacement Distance Lenses (2) to own frame	32.04	Prisms (5)	31.14
Replacement Reading Lens (1) to own frame	16.02	Prisms (6)	37.36
Replacement Reading Lenses (2) to own frame	32.04	Prisms (7)	43.59
<b>Single Vision Lenses to Non-Standard Frame</b>		Prisms (8)	49.82
Single Vision Lens (1) (Glass) Distance	23.38 (H)	Dioptric powers higher than 8.00 (1) Lens	6.15
Single Vision Lenses (2) (Glass) Distance	46.77 (H)	Dioptric powers higher than 8.00 (2) Lenses	12.29
Single Vision Lens (1) (Glass) Reading	23.38 (H)	Dioptric powers higher than 8.00 (3) Lenses	18.44
Single Vision Lenses (2) (Glass) Reading	46.77 (H)	Dioptric powers higher than 8.00 (4) Lenses	24.59
Single Vision Lens (1) (Plastic) Distance	26.66 (H)	Anti-Reflective Coating on Plastic Lens (1)	18.05 (H)

(H) Denotes fees payable in respect of services under the Health (Amendment) Act 1996 only.



## Scale of Fees Payable under the Health Service Executive Community Ophthalmic Services Scheme *continued*

As as 31st December 2005	€		€
Anti-Reflective Coating on Plastic Lenses (2)	36.09 (H)	<b>Repairs</b>	
Dioptric powers higher than 6.00 (Plastic) (1) Lens	15.37	Replacement Frame to own lenses	11.83
Dioptric powers higher than 6.00 (Plastic) (2) Lenses	30.73	Replacement Front to own lenses	5.83
Dioptric powers higher than 6.00 (Plastic) (3) Lenses	46.10	Replacement Side (1) to own frame	2.45
Dioptric powers higher than 6.00 (Plastic) (4) Lenses	61.47	Replacement Sides (2) to own frame	4.90
Plastic Lens (1) for children as prescribed	4.52	Complete New Frames	90.00 (H)
Plastic Lenses (2) for children as prescribed	9.03		
Plastic Lens (1) Adult	4.52 (H)		
Plastic Lenses (2) Adult	9.03 (H)		
<b>Bifocals</b>			
Spectacles Bifocal Complete	81.72		
Fused Bifocal Spectacles	161.77 (H)		
Varifocals Spectacles - Glass or Plastic	249.18 (H)		
<b>Bifocal Lenses</b>			
Replacement Bifocal Lens (1) to own frame	36.31		
Replacement Bifocal Lenses (2) to own frame	72.62		
Bifocal Lens (1) to Non-Standard Frames	47.53 (H)		
Bifocal Lenses (2) to Non-Standard Frames	95.06 (H)		
Varifocal Lens (1) (Grant)	94.23 (H)		
Varifocal Lenses (2) (Grant)	188.47 (H)		
<b>Other Items - Bifocals</b>			
Sphere over 6.00 and up to 9.00 extra charge (1) Lens	4.15		
Sphere over 6.00 and up to 9.00 extra charge (2) Lenses	8.30		
Sphere over 9.00 extra charge (1) Lens	9.22		
Sphere over 9.00 extra charge (2) Lenses	18.44		
Tinted Lens (1)	8.07		
Tinted Lenses (2)	16.13		
Prism (1)	8.63		
Prisms (2)	17.25		

(H) Denotes fees payable in respect of services under the Health (Amendment) Act 1996 only.





DETAILED STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF CLAIMS AND PAYMENTS  
2005

**Table I GMS: Summary of Statistical Information for each of the Five Years 2001 - 2005**

Year ended December:-	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	Year ended December:-	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Number of Eligible Persons in December	1,155,727	1,148,914	1,158,143	1,168,745	1,199,454	Number of Doctor Contracts	2,257	2,210	2,181	2,134	1,863
						Number of Pharmacist Contracts	1,430	1,333	1,292	1,249	1,203
<b>DOCTORS</b>	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)		(000's)	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>€403,071</b>	<b>€306,250</b>	<b>€286,830</b>	<b>€271,939</b>	<b>€203,863</b>	<b>Total Cost of Stock Orders</b>	<b>€15,139</b>	<b>€15,413</b>	<b>€14,096</b>	<b>€13,018</b>	<b>€11,555</b>
<b>Doctors' Payment per Person</b>	<b>€343.35</b>	<b>€261.53</b>	<b>€247.66</b>	<b>€221.15</b>	<b>€169.46</b>	Ingredient Cost	€11,714	€11,944	€10,904	€10,059	€8,945
						Pharmacy Fees	€2,927	€2,986	€2,726	€2,515	€2,222
						VAT	€498	€483	€466	€444	€388
<b>PHARMACIES</b>											
<b>Total Cost of Prescriptions</b>	<b>€816,304</b>	<b>€747,905</b>	<b>€636,566</b>	<b>€537,874</b>	<b>€422,464</b>	<b>Overall Cost of Medicines</b>	<b>€831,443</b>	<b>€763,318</b>	<b>€650,662</b>	<b>€550,892</b>	<b>€434,019</b>
Ingredient Cost	€653,251	€585,122	€503,578	€423,269	€329,497	<b>*Pharmacy Payment per Person</b>	<b>€750.04</b>	<b>€692.73</b>	<b>€595.16</b>		
Dispensing Fee	€147,860	€149,081	€121,115	€104,827	€85,413						
VAT	€15,193	€13,702	€11,873	€9,778	€7,554						
Number of Forms	13,227	12,794	12,243	11,551	10,454						
Number of Items	37,428	35,030	32,241	29,500	25,521	<b>Overall Payments</b>	<b>€1,234,514</b>	<b>€1,069,568</b>	<b>€937,493</b>	<b>€822,831</b>	<b>€637,882</b>
Cost per Form	€61.71	€58.46	€51.99	€46.57	€40.41	<b>*Overall Payment per Person</b>	<b>€1,093.39</b>	<b>€954.26</b>	<b>€842.82</b>		
Cost per Item	€21.81	€21.35	€19.74	€18.24	€16.55						
Ingredient Cost per Item	€17.45	€16.70	€15.62	€14.35	€12.91						
Items per Form	2.83	2.74	2.63	2.55	2.44						

Note: Doctors payment per person is exclusive of superannuation paid to retired DMOs.

\*Since 2003 these figures are based on the actual number of persons who availed of services.

**Table I.1 LTI/DP: Summary of Statistical Information for each of the Five Years 2001 - 2005**

Year ended December:-	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	Year ended December:-	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
<b>LTI Scheme</b>						<b>DP Scheme</b>					
Number of Eligible Persons in December	99,280	93,504	97,184	92,745	87,988	Number of Eligible Persons in December	1,478,650	1,469,251	1,396,813	1,319,395	1,156,836
*Number of Claimants	53,006	50,526	48,053			*Number of Claimants	526,052	499,664	474,411		
	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)		(000's)	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)
Number of Items	1,929	1,675	1,464	1,280	1,157	Number of Items	10,582	9,933	9,311	9,063	8,985
Total Cost	€100,547	€85,551	€73,348	€61,636	€52,081	Gross Cost	€388,021	€351,144	€315,832	€287,489	€262,187
Cost per Item	€52.12	€51.08	€50.11	€48.15	€44.98	Net Cost	€244,486	€223,959	€204,422	€192,366	€177,617
*Cost per Claimant	€1,896.89	€1,693.21	€1,526.40			Gross Cost per Item	€36.67	€35.35	€33.92	€31.72	€29.18
						*Net Cost per Claimant	€464.76	€448.22	€430.90		

\*Since 2003 these figures are based on the actual number of persons who availed of services under each Scheme.

**Table 2 Number of Agreements**

Health Service Executive	Doctors		Pharmacists		Dentists		Optometrists	
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004
East Coast Area	212	209	126	114	102	99	45	44
South Western Area	303	300	196	185	205	179	78	74
Northern Area	242	240	163	153	154	147	42	43
Midland	126	123	82	75	68	77	43	40
Mid-Western	214	204	137	126	102	100	42	38
North Eastern	162	163	126	115	103	123	50	50
North Western	134	131	79	75	64	60	30	24
South Eastern	222	212	151	144	132	122	53	49
Southern	389	372	227	211	304	290	79	71
Western	253	256	143	135	160	143	69	56
<b>National</b>	<b>2,257</b>	<b>2,210</b>	<b>1,430</b>	<b>1,333</b>	<b>1,394</b>	<b>1,340</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>489</b>

- Note: (i) Where Doctors have panels numbers drawn from more than one HSE Area, the Area wherein the majority of such persons reside is deemed to be the Doctors HSE Area.
- (ii) 239 Doctors who do not have agreements under the GMS Scheme and who provide services under the Primary Childhood Immunisation Scheme, the Health (Amendment) Act 1996, Heartwatch, Palliative Care and the Methadone Treatment Scheme are included in the above.
- (iii) 198 Dentists (184 - 2004) who are employees of the Health Service Executive and who provide services under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme are included above.
- (iv) 11 Pharmacies who do not hold GMS agreements and who were registered as providing services under the non GMS Schemes at year end are included above.
- (v) Above figures relate to the position as at 31st December 2005.

**Table 3 GMS: Payments to Doctors**

		<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
		<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>FEES</b>	- Item of Service Contract	1,803,460	1,210,542
	- Capitation	206,098,590	157,367,358
	- Special Claims/Services	34,634,854	23,249,824
	- Out-of-Hours	33,506,917	24,354,181
	- Dispensing	2,753,426	1,833,355
	- Asylum Seekers	1,484,255	1,643,102
	- GP Visit Cards	92,365	-
<b>ALLOWANCES</b>	- Annual Leave	8,508,173	6,751,482
	- Locum and Practice Expenses	13,215	6,357
	- Sick Leave	1,514,791	1,372,059
	- Maternity Leave	532,758	317,411
	- Rural Practice	4,974,708	2,929,286
	- Secretarial/Nursing	59,418,733	42,693,313
	- Study Leave	1,560,225	1,253,182
	- Medical Indemnity Insurance	1,919,026	2,167,783
	- Rostering/Out-of-Hours	6,548,291	6,528,544
	- Practice Development	4,365,469	4,352,325
	- Practice Support Grant	2,668,681	2,671,547
	- IMO Agreements:		
	One-in-One rotas	634,869	634,869
Third year Trainees	281,882	247,599	
Trainer Grants	891,610	774,160	
<b>SALARIES</b>	- Former District Medical Officers	1,807,437	2,016,679
	- Benefits to retired DMOs and their dependants	6,249,438	5,779,920
<b>SUPERANNUATION FUND</b>	- Contribution	20,807,914	16,095,403
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>€403,071,088</b>	<b>€306,250,280</b>

Note: The above figures include the arrears paid resulting from the implementation of the 2005 LRC Agreement.

**Table 4 GMS: Cost of Prescriptions**

Health Service Executive	Ingredient Cost		Dispensing Fee		VAT		Total	
	2005 €	2004 €	2005 €	2004 €	2005 €	2004 €	2005 €	2004 €
East Coast Area	46,496,561	41,523,478	11,161,953	13,181,871	1,114,293	998,926	58,772,807	55,704,275
South Western Area	75,433,230	68,750,063	17,289,034	18,645,657	1,864,426	1,733,029	94,586,690	89,128,749
Northern Area	73,247,610	65,107,099	16,370,106	18,003,517	1,689,822	1,520,182	91,307,538	84,630,798
Midland	45,478,996	40,415,464	10,096,069	9,544,860	1,047,913	927,892	56,622,978	50,888,216
Mid-Western	60,153,877	53,304,434	13,661,854	13,210,452	1,391,282	1,222,566	75,207,013	67,737,452
North Eastern	56,533,835	51,308,799	12,814,200	12,604,709	1,308,787	1,192,968	70,656,822	65,106,476
North Western	40,948,981	37,088,659	9,140,657	8,520,134	944,603	866,708	51,034,241	46,475,501
South Eastern	79,072,272	70,542,710	18,258,235	17,594,976	1,945,504	1,755,670	99,276,011	89,893,356
Southern	106,311,334	95,150,593	23,813,500	23,466,655	2,368,159	2,144,723	132,492,993	120,761,971
Western	69,573,817	61,930,977	15,254,274	14,308,567	1,518,377	1,339,508	86,346,468	77,579,052
<b>National</b>	<b>€653,250,513</b>	<b>€585,122,276</b>	<b>€147,859,882</b>	<b>€149,081,398</b>	<b>€15,193,166</b>	<b>€13,702,172</b>	<b>€816,303,561</b>	<b>€747,905,846</b>

Note: Cost of medicines supplied by pharmacies to Dispensing Doctors is given in Table 5.



**Table 5 GMS: Cost of Stock Order Forms**

Health Service Executive	Ingredient Cost		*Pharmacy Fee		VAT		Total	
	2005 €	2004 €	2005 €	2004 €	2005 €	2004 €	2005 €	2004 €
East Coast Area	160,881	154,065	40,223	38,519	32,108	32,793	233,212	225,377
South Western Area	104,034	122,410	26,004	30,608	27,133	27,393	157,171	180,411
Northern Area	54,250	36,913	13,568	9,236	13,944	9,315	81,762	55,464
Midland	437,946	683,930	109,495	170,982	22,913	23,133	570,354	878,045
Mid-Western	883,232	851,685	220,799	212,937	47,686	44,114	1,151,717	1,108,736
North Eastern	1,206,281	1,054,719	301,566	263,677	52,459	53,674	1,560,306	1,372,070
North Western	2,098,402	2,111,931	523,983	527,985	58,823	59,388	2,681,208	2,699,304
South Eastern	2,797,152	2,923,116	699,284	730,771	90,747	92,631	3,587,183	3,746,518
Southern	407,894	425,553	101,978	106,384	58,310	52,648	568,182	584,585
Western	3,564,090	3,579,362	890,105	894,833	93,772	87,523	4,547,967	4,561,718
<b>National</b>	<b>€11,714,162</b>	<b>€11,943,684</b>	<b>€2,927,005</b>	<b>€2,985,932</b>	<b>€497,895</b>	<b>€482,612</b>	<b>€15,139,062</b>	<b>€15,412,228</b>

Note: (i) Stock Order Forms are provided by HSE Areas for use by Dispensing Doctors to obtain Medicines and Appliances from retail pharmacies for dispensing to persons who are entitled to be dispensed to.

(ii) \*Pharmacies are reimbursed for stock order items on the basis of the basic trade price, with the addition of 25% on cost.

(iii) The above figures include needles, syringes and dressings which are available for Doctors use.

**Table 6 DTS: Payments to Dentists**

Health Service Executive	Above the Line		Below the Line		Total	
	2005 €	2004 €	2005 €	2004 €	2005 €	2004 €
Eastern Areas	9,899,747	9,925,433	4,572,584	4,447,763	14,472,331	14,373,197
Midland	1,874,345	1,713,905	1,126,662	1,012,263	3,001,007	2,726,168
Mid-Western	3,023,569	2,897,091	1,763,677	1,558,725	4,787,246	4,455,816
North Eastern	2,840,442	2,765,727	1,607,576	1,469,489	4,448,018	4,235,216
North Western	2,698,869	2,425,977	1,110,069	958,895	3,808,938	3,384,872
South Eastern	4,221,062	3,999,529	2,553,877	2,442,847	6,774,939	6,442,376
Southern	6,593,095	6,554,936	3,096,867	2,900,032	9,689,962	9,454,969
Western	4,477,946	4,623,983	2,942,514	2,736,230	7,420,460	7,360,214
<b>National</b>	<b>€35,629,075</b>	<b>€34,906,581</b>	<b>€18,773,826</b>	<b>€17,526,244</b>	<b>€54,402,901</b>	<b>€52,432,828</b>

Note: Dentists were also paid a total €55,922 in 2005 (€55,587 in 2004) in respect of fees under Health (Amendment) Act 1996.

**Table 7 GMS: Payment per Person**

Health Service Executive	2005			2004		
	Doctors €	Pharmacies €	Total €	Doctors €	Pharmacies €	Total €
Eastern Areas	332.93	727.12	1,060.05	251.46	687.23	938.69
Midland	353.48	833.55	1,187.03	267.82	766.76	1,034.58
Mid-Western	332.44	776.40	1,108.84	254.57	702.08	956.65
North Eastern	338.74	775.19	1,113.93	272.06	705.20	977.26
North Western	322.96	629.01	951.97	244.23	583.17	827.40
South Eastern	349.61	764.57	1,114.18	264.59	704.59	969.18
Southern	361.87	789.96	1,151.83	275.04	724.12	999.16
Western	360.71	739.60	1,100.31	273.15	669.53	942.68
<b>National</b>	<b>€343.35</b>	<b>€750.04</b>	<b>€1,093.39</b>	<b>€261.53</b>	<b>€692.73</b>	<b>€954.26</b>

Note: The payment per person is inclusive of total payments to Doctors (Table 3) excluding superannuation benefits to retired DMOs and their dependants and total payments to pharmacies (Tables 4 and 5) in respect of the actual cost per person who availed of services.

**Table 8 GMS: Number of Doctors in Eligible Person Cost Categories**

2005 (2004 in brackets)

Number of Doctors with an annual cost per eligible person of:-												
Health Service Executive	Up to €300	€301-€350	€351-€400	€401-€450	€451-€500	€501-€550	€551-€600	€601-€650	€651-€700	€701&Over		
Eastern Areas	17 (5)	8 (3)	3 (5)	15 (15)	10 (22)	12 (10)	16 (19)	10 (15)	11 (21)	493 (469)		
Midland	1 (-)	-	1 (-)	-	1 (-)	-	- (2)	1 (2)	1 (4)	96 (96)		
Mid-Western	3 (-)	3 (-)	-	1 (1)	1 (-)	2 (3)	1 (4)	2 (4)	7 (8)	147 (138)		
North Eastern	4 (2)	2 (1)	2 (1)	1 (1)	3 (-)	1 (1)	2 (10)	5 (6)	2 (-)	133 (117)		
North Western	2 (2)	2 (-)	-	2 (4)	2 (1)	4 (4)	1 (14)	6 (8)	9 (11)	100 (76)		
South Eastern	2 (1)	1 (-)	-	2 (-)	- (1)	1 (4)	4 (2)	2 (3)	4 (4)	194 (188)		
Southern	2 (1)	- (1)	- (1)	1 (-)	1 (1)	4 (4)	4 (2)	2 (5)	5 (16)	303 (287)		
Western	5 (1)	2 (-)	- (1)	- (2)	3 (3)	4 (1)	1 (8)	3 (4)	7 (9)	202 (193)		
<b>National</b>	<b>36 (12)</b>	<b>18 (5)</b>	<b>6 (8)</b>	<b>22 (23)</b>	<b>21 (28)</b>	<b>28 (27)</b>	<b>29 (61)</b>	<b>31 (47)</b>	<b>46 (73)</b>	<b>1,668 (1,564)</b>		

Note: (i) Doctors not in the GMS Scheme for the full year have been excluded from this table.

(ii) The annual cost per eligible person is the total payment for the Doctor and the total prescribing/dispensing costs in respect of the number of persons on the panel as at December 2005.

(iii) Doctors payment is exclusive of superannuation paid to retired DMOs.

**Table 9 GMS: Number of Eligible Persons**

Health Service Executive	Number of persons (including dependants) and % of population* eligible in				Health Service Executive	Number of persons (including dependants) and % of population* eligible in			
	December 2005		December 2004			December 2005		December 2004	
	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%	No.	%
<b>EASTERN AREAS</b>					<b>NORTH WESTERN</b>				
Dublin	274,245	24.47	274,272	24.43	Donegal	68,380	50.09	67,229	48.87
Kildare	37,790	23.10	37,195	22.69	Leitrim	11,044	41.26	11,169	41.39
Wicklow	27,612	24.19	27,612	24.08	Sligo	19,491	33.67	19,343	33.24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>339,647</b>	<b>24.29</b>	<b>339,079</b>	<b>24.20</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>98,915</b>	<b>44.73</b>	<b>97,741</b>	<b>43.88</b>
<b>MIDLAND</b>					<b>SOUTH EASTERN</b>				
Laois	16,991	29.00	17,133	29.15	Carlow	15,443	33.93	15,404	33.48
Longford	12,545	40.46	12,384	39.86	Kilkenny	19,802	24.85	19,506	24.28
Offaly	19,597	30.88	19,039	29.91	Tipperary S.R.	28,611	36.37	28,318	35.79
Westmeath	20,990	29.24	21,059	29.31	Waterford	35,744	35.40	34,938	34.41
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70,123</b>	<b>31.19</b>	<b>69,615</b>	<b>30.89</b>	Wexford	40,020	34.55	38,353	32.89
					<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>139,620</b>	<b>33.19</b>	<b>136,519</b>	<b>32.23</b>
<b>MID-WESTERN</b>					<b>SOUTHERN</b>				
Clare	31,355	30.49	30,896	29.92	Cork	132,365	29.76	130,955	29.24
Limerick	49,932	28.55	49,767	28.39	Kerry	41,221	31.35	40,924	30.88
Tipperary N.R.	19,401	31.83	18,915	31.00	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>173,586</b>	<b>30.12</b>	<b>171,879</b>	<b>29.62</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100,688</b>	<b>29.73</b>	<b>99,578</b>	<b>29.32</b>					
<b>NORTH EASTERN</b>					<b>WESTERN</b>				
Cavan	18,958	34.45	18,638	33.67	Galway	65,758	31.51	66,502	31.81
Louth	35,134	34.69	35,013	34.39	Mayo	47,588	40.67	47,590	40.52
Meath	29,369	22.07	30,333	22.64	Roscommon	20,236	37.64	20,066	37.32
Monaghan	16,105	30.89	16,361	31.11	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>133,582</b>	<b>35.21</b>	<b>134,158</b>	<b>35.28</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>99,566</b>	<b>29.15</b>	<b>100,345</b>	<b>29.19</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>1,155,727</b>	<b>29.50</b>	<b>1,148,914</b>	<b>29.33</b>

Note: (i) \*The population figures for each county are taken from the Census of Population 2003. The most recent Official C.S.O. estimate of national population as at April 2005 is 4,130,700.  
(ii) As at December 2005 – 5,079 people on GP Visit Only Cards are excluded.

**Table 9.1 GMS: Number of Eligible Persons by Gender within Age Groups**

Health Service Executive	Age Classification																	
	As at December 2005																	
	Under 5 Years			5-11 Years			12-15 Years			16-24 Years			25-34 Years			35-44 Years		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
Eastern Areas	13,434	13,992	27,426	16,177	17,205	33,382	8,271	8,573	16,844	15,502	9,525	25,027	20,849	11,126	31,975	16,981	12,477	29,458
Midland	2,373	2,447	4,820	3,266	3,466	6,732	1,876	1,942	3,818	3,647	2,449	6,096	3,597	2,070	5,667	3,510	2,574	6,084
Mid-Western	3,062	3,025	6,087	4,257	4,504	8,761	2,498	2,575	5,073	5,135	3,766	8,901	5,075	3,285	8,360	4,800	3,912	8,712
North Eastern	3,090	3,348	6,438	4,553	4,784	9,337	2,552	2,623	5,175	5,567	3,720	9,287	5,166	3,087	8,253	4,856	3,795	8,651
North Western	2,873	3,116	5,989	4,578	4,925	9,503	2,674	2,914	5,588	6,074	4,442	10,516	5,031	3,351	8,382	5,318	4,427	9,745
South Eastern	4,262	4,612	8,874	5,857	6,401	12,258	3,405	3,569	6,974	7,740	5,292	13,032	7,221	4,373	11,594	6,990	5,351	12,341
Southern	4,879	5,337	10,216	6,809	7,355	14,164	3,932	4,124	8,056	8,131	5,523	13,654	8,756	5,510	14,266	8,574	6,611	15,185
Western	3,531	3,752	7,283	5,551	5,844	11,395	3,509	3,521	7,030	6,822	5,167	11,989	6,148	3,939	10,087	6,374	5,363	11,737

<b>National</b>	37,504	39,629	77,133	51,048	54,484	105,532	28,717	29,841	58,558	58,618	39,884	98,502	61,843	36,741	98,584	57,403	44,510	101,913
<b>% of Eligible Persons</b>	3.25%	3.43%	6.67%	4.42%	4.71%	9.13%	2.48%	2.58%	5.07%	5.07%	3.45%	8.52%	5.35%	3.18%	8.53%	4.97%	3.85%	8.82%

**Table 9.1 GMS: Number of Eligible Persons by Gender within Age Groups continued**

Health Service Executive	Age Classification																	
	As at December 2005																	
	45-54 Years			55-64 Years			65-69 Years			70-74 Years			75 Years and Over			All		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
Eastern Areas	14,130	11,124	25,254	16,286	12,819	29,105	10,435	7,313	17,748	20,628	16,988	37,616	41,945	23,868	65,813	194,638	145,010	339,648
Midland	3,305	2,859	6,164	4,089	3,248	7,337	2,236	1,786	4,022	3,502	3,389	6,891	7,432	5,060	12,492	38,833	31,290	70,123
Mid-Western	4,796	4,239	9,035	5,891	5,100	10,991	3,241	2,759	6,000	5,307	4,984	10,291	11,164	7,313	18,477	55,226	45,462	100,688
North Eastern	4,621	4,087	8,708	5,721	4,788	10,509	3,136	2,470	5,606	4,979	4,593	9,572	10,937	7,093	18,030	55,178	44,388	99,566
North Western	5,176	4,909	10,085	5,712	5,531	11,243	2,859	2,632	5,491	3,671	3,700	7,371	8,861	6,141	15,002	52,827	46,088	98,915
South Eastern	6,783	5,948	12,731	8,375	7,232	15,607	4,718	4,028	8,746	7,114	6,564	13,678	14,192	9,593	23,785	76,657	62,963	139,620
Southern	8,536	7,591	16,127	10,519	8,816	19,335	6,165	5,053	11,218	9,710	8,701	18,411	20,044	12,910	32,954	96,055	77,531	173,586
Western	6,885	6,522	13,407	7,820	7,588	15,408	4,306	3,885	8,191	6,193	6,195	12,388	14,647	10,020	24,667	71,786	61,796	133,582

<b>National</b>	54,232	47,279	101,511	64,413	55,122	119,535	37,096	29,926	67,022	61,104	55,114	116,218	129,222	81,998	211,220	641,200	514,528	1,155,728
<b>% of Eligible Persons</b>	4.69%	4.09%	8.78%	5.57%	4.77%	10.34%	3.21%	2.59%	5.80%	5.29%	4.77%	10.06%	11.18%	7.09%	18.28%	55.48%	44.52%	100.00%

**Table 9.2 GPVC: Number of Eligible Persons by Gender within Age Groups**

Health Service Executive	Age Classification																	
	As at December 2005																	
	Under 5 Years			5 - 11 Years			12 - 15 Years			16 - 24 Years			25 - 34 Years			35 - 44 Years		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
Eastern Areas	39	42	81	50	66	116	29	31	60	25	21	46	68	30	98	65	57	122
Midland	11	11	22	18	12	30	5	7	12	5	2	7	14	4	18	23	15	38
Mid-Western	14	11	25	24	15	39	17	8	25	12	11	23	19	8	27	27	18	45
North Eastern	43	47	90	42	48	90	20	19	39	44	24	68	53	21	74	54	46	100
North Western	40	32	72	53	63	116	45	33	78	33	33	66	47	30	77	72	59	131
South Eastern	53	42	95	70	79	149	53	47	100	54	39	93	86	46	132	86	62	148
Southern	56	65	121	84	93	177	53	44	97	76	41	117	95	49	144	126	95	221
Western	27	34	61	26	21	47	10	8	18	5	4	9	23	14	37	27	33	60

<b>National</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>865</b>
<b>% of Eligible Persons</b>	<b>5.57%</b>	<b>5.59%</b>	<b>11.16%</b>	<b>7.23%</b>	<b>7.82%</b>	<b>15.04%</b>	<b>4.57%</b>	<b>3.88%</b>	<b>8.45%</b>	<b>5.00%</b>	<b>3.45%</b>	<b>8.45%</b>	<b>7.97%</b>	<b>3.98%</b>	<b>11.95%</b>	<b>9.45%</b>	<b>7.58%</b>	<b>17.03%</b>



**Table 9.2 GPVC: Number of Eligible Persons by Gender within Age Groups continued**

Health Service Executive	Age Classification											
	As at December 2005											
	45 - 54 Years			55 - 64 Years			65 - 69 Years			All		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
Eastern Areas	52	31	83	63	45	108	23	30	53	414	353	767
Midland	5	7	12	11	10	21	2	3	5	94	71	165
Mid-Western	17	19	36	15	11	26	4	11	15	149	112	261
North Eastern	33	27	60	55	41	96	10	21	31	354	294	648
North Western	52	46	98	29	37	66	6	13	19	377	346	723
South Eastern	61	54	115	55	51	106	10	15	25	528	435	963
Southern	92	63	155	76	77	153	30	30	60	688	557	1,245
Western	14	13	27	16	17	33	8	7	15	156	151	307

<b>National</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>2,760</b>	<b>2,319</b>	<b>5,079</b>
<b>% of Eligible Persons</b>	<b>6.42%</b>	<b>5.12%</b>	<b>11.54%</b>	<b>6.30%</b>	<b>5.69%</b>	<b>11.99%</b>	<b>1.83%</b>	<b>2.56%</b>	<b>4.39%</b>	<b>54.34%</b>	<b>45.66%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Table 9.3 GMS: Percentage of Eligible Persons by Mileage Allocation**

Health Service Executive	Mileage Classification														
	As at December 2005														
	Up to 3 Miles			3 - 5 Miles			5 - 7 Miles			7 - 10 Miles			Over 10 Miles		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
Eastern Areas	51.27	37.96	89.23	3.23	2.51	5.74	1.82	1.42	3.24	0.64	0.52	1.16	0.34	0.28	0.63
Midland	33.57	26.64	60.21	6.95	5.85	12.80	13.41	10.92	24.34	1.42	1.17	2.59	0.03	0.04	0.07
Mid-Western	36.16	29.52	65.68	6.91	5.71	12.62	10.46	8.78	19.24	1.08	0.92	2.00	0.24	0.23	0.46
North Eastern	34.77	27.42	62.19	8.03	6.75	14.78	11.33	9.32	20.65	1.10	0.92	2.02	0.19	0.18	0.37
North Western	26.19	22.14	48.32	9.60	8.67	18.27	12.36	11.07	23.43	3.88	3.41	7.28	1.39	1.31	2.70
South Eastern	36.01	29.29	65.30	7.14	6.07	13.20	9.99	8.28	18.26	1.55	1.29	2.84	0.22	0.17	0.39
Southern	35.33	27.95	63.28	7.12	5.91	13.03	9.49	7.81	17.29	2.02	1.78	3.80	1.38	1.22	2.60
Western	27.58	22.70	50.28	8.72	7.74	16.46	11.24	10.01	21.25	4.49	4.20	8.69	1.71	1.62	3.32
<b>National</b>	<b>38.34</b>	<b>29.96</b>	<b>68.30</b>	<b>6.43</b>	<b>5.43</b>	<b>11.85</b>	<b>8.22</b>	<b>6.92</b>	<b>15.15</b>	<b>1.80</b>	<b>1.58</b>	<b>3.39</b>	<b>0.69</b>	<b>0.62</b>	<b>1.31</b>

**Table 10 GMS: Size of Panels of Doctors**

As at December 2005 (2004 in brackets)

Health Service Executive	Number of Doctors with panels of:-											
	Up to 250		251 - 500		501 - 1,000		1,001 - 1,500		1,501 - 2,000		2,001 - 2,500	
East Coast Area	59	(62)	49	(47)	61	(60)	3	(3)	-		-	
South Western Area	64	(64)	47	(43)	81	(85)	42	(40)	4	(3)	3	(2)
Northern Area	35	(33)	42	(44)	71	(68)	28	(28)	10	(10)	1	(1)
Midland	13	(14)	22	(17)	47	(49)	21	(21)	-		-	
Mid-Western	37	(32)	33	(30)	77	(78)	18	(17)	4	(4)	-	
North Eastern	24	(30)	30	(26)	81	(80)	19	(20)	1	(1)	-	
North Western	17	(16)	21	(20)	47	(51)	36	(33)	7	(6)	-	
South Eastern	26	(27)	39	(38)	113	(110)	28	(26)	5	(5)	-	
Southern	75	(73)	79	(79)	136	(137)	30	(30)	2	(2)	1	(1)
Western	44	(48)	55	(53)	101	(92)	29	(33)	1	(2)	-	
<b>National</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>(399)</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>(397)</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>(810)</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>(251)</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>(33)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>(4)</b>

**Table II    GMS: Payments to Doctors in each Health Service Executive Area**

<b>Health Service Executive</b>	<b>2005 €</b>	<b>2004 €</b>
East Coast Area	29,687,792	21,954,859
South Western Area	45,029,291	34,487,150
Northern Area	39,192,489	29,725,829
Midland	25,206,856	19,026,820
Mid-Western	34,223,427	26,008,407
North Eastern	34,409,257	27,906,452
North Western	32,470,288	24,414,071
South Eastern	49,715,964	36,950,000
Southern	63,954,440	48,283,554
Western	49,181,284	37,493,138
<b>National</b>	<b>€403,071,088</b>	<b>€306,250,280</b>

*Note: The above figures include the arrears paid resulting from the implementation of the 2005 LRC Agreement.*

**Table 12 GMS: Number of Special Type Consultations and Out-of-Hours Claims**

Health Service Executive	No. of Temporary Resident Claims		No. of EEA Visitor Claims		No. of Emergency Claims		Second Medical Opinion Claims		No. of Out-of-Hours Claims		Total No. of Claims	
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004
East Coast Area	3,329	3,056	2,850	2,954	2,588	1,876	2	2	23,779	23,598	32,548	31,486
South Western Area	7,959	6,992	4,470	4,449	5,542	5,784	13	14	55,608	50,956	73,592	68,195
Northern Area	6,545	5,944	2,263	2,249	5,331	4,578	-	-	43,763	43,001	57,902	55,772
Midland	8,326	9,595	2,188	2,170	7,908	7,407	3	1	37,730	35,479	56,155	54,652
Mid-Western	13,248	10,682	5,197	5,374	3,035	2,868	139	76	41,837	41,192	63,456	60,192
North Eastern*	5,202	4,623	3,031	2,963	1,442	1,519	3	2	9,254	10,227	18,932	19,334
North Western	3,226	3,232	7,933	7,880	1,673	1,895	32	25	47,054	44,955	59,918	57,987
South Eastern	8,041	7,373	5,902	6,208	3,629	3,044	6	3	81,075	75,595	98,653	92,223
Southern	24,196	21,921	13,631	12,920	5,666	5,281	1,052	794	141,694	131,715	186,239	172,631
Western	15,043	14,917	10,330	10,484	5,440	5,296	29	9	95,091	90,283	125,933	120,989
<b>National</b>	<b>95,115</b>	<b>88,335</b>	<b>57,795</b>	<b>57,651</b>	<b>42,254</b>	<b>39,548</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>576,885</b>	<b>547,001</b>	<b>773,328</b>	<b>733,461</b>

\* HSE North Eastern Area figures do not include statistics from North East Doc.

**Table 12.1 GMS: Payment to Doctors for Special Type Consultations and Out-of-Hours Claims**

Health Service Executive	Cost of Temporary Resident Claims		Cost of EEA Visitor Claims		Cost of Emergency Claims		Cost of Second Medical Opinion Claims		Cost of Out-of-Hours Claims		Total Cost of Claims	
	2005 €	2004 €	2005 €	2004 €	2005 €	2004 €	2005 €	2004 €	2005 €	2004 €	2005 €	2004 €
East Coast Area	139,523	119,204	110,293	110,813	104,338	71,284	50	50	941,094	902,872	1,295,298	1,204,223
South Western Area	319,992	268,425	171,628	166,395	226,568	226,771	328	348	2,276,275	1,997,762	2,994,791	2,659,701
Northern Area	254,063	220,901	87,002	84,039	204,916	170,902	-	-	1,698,684	1,620,341	2,244,665	2,096,183
Midland	329,697	365,231	83,722	81,013	306,214	279,741	84	25	1,540,667	1,406,485	2,260,384	2,132,495
Mid-Western	515,529	405,156	199,258	200,325	117,936	108,813	3,659	1,882	1,707,605	1,641,688	2,543,987	2,357,864
North Eastern*	212,675	184,367	116,121	110,655	57,383	57,439	75	50	373,017	397,811	759,271	750,322
North Western	125,577	122,192	304,838	296,003	65,668	71,641	814	622	1,933,638	1,778,438	2,430,535	2,268,896
South Eastern	310,472	277,100	225,544	231,992	140,528	115,101	150	75	3,261,288	2,945,111	3,937,982	3,569,379
Southern	1,005,042	897,826	524,734	484,945	223,339	200,751	26,931	19,749	5,740,039	5,175,512	7,520,085	6,778,783
Western	594,490	564,071	395,881	391,920	213,902	202,410	731	222	3,898,543	3,568,567	5,103,547	4,727,190
<b>National</b>	<b>€3,807,060</b>	<b>€3,424,473</b>	<b>€2,219,021</b>	<b>€2,158,099</b>	<b>€1,660,792</b>	<b>€1,504,853</b>	<b>€32,822</b>	<b>€23,023</b>	<b>€23,370,850</b>	<b>€21,434,587</b>	<b>€31,090,545</b>	<b>€28,545,036</b>

\* HSE North Eastern Area figures do not include statistics from North East Doc.

**Table 13 GMS: Analysis of Special Items of Service**

Type of Service	Number of Claims		Cost of Claims	
	2005	2004	2005 €	2004 €
(i) Excisions/Cryotherapy/Diathermy: Skin Lesions	68,152	64,032	1,635,049	1,490,956
(ii) Suturing: Cuts and Lacerations	27,574	26,249	662,136	611,170
(iii) Hydroceles: Draining of	1,005	1,108	24,216	25,788
(iv) Haemorrhages: Dental/Nasal	1,587	1,463	38,320	34,074
(v) Veins: Recognised treatment	2,714	2,108	65,519	49,138
(vi) ECG: Tests and interpretation	49,929	45,943	1,198,888	1,070,369
(vii) Diaphragm: Instruction in the fitting of	853	734	20,454	17,094
(viii) Eye: Removal of Adherent foreign body	7,929	7,207	190,061	167,873
(ix) Ear/Nose/Throat: Removal of foreign body	18,378	16,146	441,448	376,152
(x) Nebuliser: Treatment in the case of acute asthmatic attack	47,775	42,127	1,726,807	1,472,167
(xi) Bladder: Catheterization	5,473	5,033	197,431	175,881
(xii) Case Conference: Convened by HSE	170	148	10,163	8,610
(xiii) Diaphragm: Advice and fitting of	563	432	23,443	17,419
(xiv) IUCD: Counselling and fitting of	4,914	4,161	326,024	268,669
(xv) Pneumococcal: Vaccination	20,337	11,267	699,646	360,098
(xvi) Influenza: Vaccination	299,094	292,476	9,989,318	9,372,468
(xvii) Pneumococcal/Influenza: Vaccination	23,885	11,900	1,204,778	570,802
(xviii) Hepatitis B: Vaccination	390	269	46,123	31,047
<b>National</b>	<b>580,722</b>	<b>532,803</b>	<b>€18,499,824</b>	<b>€16,119,775</b>

**Table 13.1 GMS: Analysis of Special Items of Service by HSE Area**

Type of Service		East Coast Area		South Western Area	
		Number of Claims	Cost of Claims €	Number of Claims	Cost of Claims €
(i)	Excisions/Cryotherapy/Diathermy: Skin Lesions	3,790	91,089	7,009	168,158
(ii)	Suturing: Cuts and Lacerations	689	16,604	1,834	44,086
(iii)	Hydroceles: Draining of	34	830	52	1,233
(iv)	Haemorrhages: Dental/Nasal	38	924	86	2,060
(v)	Veins: Recognised treatment	30	708	333	8,001
(vi)	ECG: Tests and interpretation	2,520	60,628	3,235	77,810
(vii)	Diaphragm: Instruction in the fitting of	56	1,315	361	8,678
(viii)	Eye: Removal of Adherent foreign body	177	4,229	320	7,702
(ix)	Ear/Nose/Throat: Removal of foreign body	760	18,257	1,991	47,646
(x)	Nebuliser: Treatment in the case of acute asthmatic attack	1,077	38,903	3,539	127,944
(xi)	Bladder: Catheterization	148	5,331	172	6,246
(xii)	Case Conference: Convened by HSE	12	738	15	886
(xiii)	Diaphragm: Advice and fitting of	37	1,526	113	4,658
(xiv)	IUCD: Counselling and fitting of	259	17,444	596	39,479
(xv)	Pneumococcal: Vaccination	1,687	58,345	2,016	69,150
(xvi)	Influenza: Vaccination	24,031	810,026	30,429	1,019,213
(xvii)	Pneumococcal/Influenza: Vaccination	2,460	125,686	2,406	121,788
(xviii)	Hepatitis B: Vaccination	4	463	30	3,557
<b>Total</b>		<b>37,809</b>	<b>€1,253,046</b>	<b>54,537</b>	<b>€1,758,295</b>



**Table 13.1 GMS: Analysis of Special Items of Service by HSE Area continued**

Type of Service	Mid-Western		North Eastern	
	Number of Claims	Cost of Claims €	Number of Claims	Cost of Claims €
(i) Excisions/Cryotherapy/Diathermy: Skin Lesions	4,148	99,282	4,751	114,434
(ii) Suturing: Cuts and Lacerations	1,913	46,113	1,686	40,350
(iii) Hydroceles: Draining of	81	1,948	73	1,740
(iv) Haemorrhages: Dental/Nasal	95	2,270	48	1,178
(v) Veins: Recognised treatment	577	13,920	163	3,985
(vi) ECG: Tests and interpretation	3,529	84,985	3,550	84,956
(vii) Diaphragm: Instruction in the fitting of	25	600	79	1,872
(viii) Eye: Removal of Adherent foreign body	407	9,748	325	7,706
(ix) Ear/Nose/Throat: Removal of foreign body	883	21,114	1,368	32,917
(x) Nebuliser: Treatment in the case of acute asthmatic attack	2,402	87,212	3,124	112,944
(xi) Bladder: Catheterization	532	19,190	495	17,857
(xii) Case Conference: Convened by HSE	9	556	7	409
(xiii) Diaphragm: Advice and fitting of	35	1,450	103	4,305
(xiv) IUCD: Counselling and fitting of	327	21,733	526	34,785
(xv) Pneumococcal: Vaccination	1,962	67,142	1,662	56,565
(xvi) Influenza: Vaccination	27,361	912,363	25,452	852,172
(xvii) Pneumococcal/Influenza: Vaccination	2,168	109,248	2,345	118,299
(xviii) Hepatitis B: Vaccination	25	3,014	11	1,328
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,479</b>	<b>€1,501,888</b>	<b>45,768</b>	<b>€1,487,802</b>

**Table 13.1 GMS: Analysis of Special Items of Service by HSE Area continued**

Type of Service	Northern Area		Midland	
	Number of Claims	Cost of Claims €	Number of Claims	Cost of Claims €
(i) Excisions/Cryotherapy/Diathermy: Skin Lesions	4,086	97,844	3,526	84,247
(ii) Suturing: Cuts and Lacerations	1,456	35,004	2,329	56,102
(iii) Hydroceles: Draining of	23	551	39	914
(iv) Haemorrhages: Dental/Nasal	137	3,283	305	7,430
(v) Veins: Recognised treatment	23	537	16	373
(vi) ECG: Tests and interpretation	1,649	39,750	4,492	107,727
(vii) Diaphragm: Instruction in the fitting of	22	542	16	376
(viii) Eye: Removal of Adherent foreign body	683	16,310	666	15,960
(ix) Ear/Nose/Throat: Removal of foreign body	1,321	31,792	1,397	33,525
(x) Nebuliser: Treatment in the case of acute asthmatic attack	1,320	47,954	5,076	182,908
(xi) Bladder: Catheterization	64	2,309	363	13,125
(xii) Case Conference: Convened by HSE	7	409	2	117
(xiii) Diaphragm: Advice and fitting of	32	1,335	14	587
(xiv) IUCD: Counselling and fitting of	511	33,982	423	27,934
(xv) Pneumococcal: Vaccination	1,817	62,438	1,548	54,320
(xvi) Influenza: Vaccination	31,327	1,049,128	18,040	604,474
(xvii) Pneumococcal/Influenza: Vaccination	2,911	146,801	1,285	65,462
(xviii) Hepatitis B: Vaccination	26	3,090	22	2,655
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,415</b>	<b>€1,573,059</b>	<b>39,559</b>	<b>€1,258,236</b>

**Table 13.1 GMS: Analysis of Special Items of Service by HSE Area continued**

Type of Service	North Western		South Eastern	
	Number of Claims	Cost of Claims €	Number of Claims	Cost of Claims €
(i) Excisions/Cryotherapy/Diathermy: Skin Lesions	7,411	177,696	8,795	211,589
(ii) Suturing: Cuts and Lacerations	3,004	71,944	5,043	120,876
(iii) Hydroceles: Draining of	130	3,170	118	2,837
(iv) Haemorrhages: Dental/Nasal	139	3,379	203	4,922
(v) Veins: Recognised treatment	19	472	738	17,688
(vi) ECG: Tests and interpretation	7,713	184,881	7,662	183,846
(vii) Diaphragm: Instruction in the fitting of	43	1,045	31	744
(viii) Eye: Removal of Adherent foreign body	1,000	23,999	791	18,984
(ix) Ear/Nose/Throat: Removal of foreign body	2,381	57,051	2,126	51,231
(x) Nebuliser: Treatment in the case of acute asthmatic attack	6,527	234,847	8,011	290,106
(xi) Bladder: Catheterization	786	28,202	868	31,382
(xii) Case Conference: Convened by HSE	14	848	36	2,142
(xiii) Diaphragm: Advice and fitting of	51	2,115	41	1,722
(xiv) IUCD: Counselling and fitting of	375	24,935	812	53,837
(xv) Pneumococcal: Vaccination	1,470	51,279	2,403	82,916
(xvi) Influenza: Vaccination	20,454	681,970	38,485	1,279,281
(xvii) Pneumococcal/Influenza: Vaccination	1,727	86,140	2,472	124,332
(xviii) Hepatitis B: Vaccination	27	3,288	58	6,687
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,271</b>	<b>€1,637,261</b>	<b>78,693</b>	<b>€2,485,122</b>

**Table 13.1 GMS: Analysis of Special Items of Service by HSE Area continued**

Type of Service	Southern		Western	
	Number of Claims	Cost of Claims €	Number of Claims	Cost of Claims €
(i) Excisions/Cryotherapy/Diathermy: Skin Lesions	12,384	297,019	12,252	293,692
(ii) Suturing: Cuts and Lacerations	5,347	128,647	4,273	102,410
(iii) Hydroceles: Draining of	156	3,751	299	7,241
(iv) Haemorrhages: Dental/Nasal	151	3,626	385	9,247
(v) Veins: Recognised treatment	722	17,583	93	2,252
(vi) ECG: Tests and interpretation	7,031	169,061	8,548	205,243
(vii) Diaphragm: Instruction in the fitting of	164	3,953	56	1,329
(viii) Eye: Removal of Adherent foreign body	2,442	58,542	1,118	26,881
(ix) Ear/Nose/Throat: Removal of foreign body	3,605	86,686	2,546	61,230
(x) Nebuliser: Treatment in the case of acute asthmatic attack	7,958	288,132	8,741	315,857
(xi) Bladder: Catheterization	894	32,263	1,151	41,527
(xii) Case Conference: Convened by HSE	46	2,774	22	1,284
(xiii) Diaphragm: Advice and fitting of	105	4,386	32	1,358
(xiv) IUCD: Counselling and fitting of	797	52,835	288	19,060
(xv) Pneumococcal: Vaccination	2,795	96,166	2,977	101,326
(xvi) Influenza: Vaccination	47,650	1,584,661	35,865	1,196,032
(xvii) Pneumococcal/Influenza: Vaccination	3,847	193,729	2,264	113,291
(xviii) Hepatitis B: Vaccination	162	18,949	25	3,092
<b>Total</b>	<b>96,256</b>	<b>€3,042,763</b>	<b>80,935</b>	<b>€2,502,352</b>

**Table 14 GMS: Visiting Rate Categories for Doctors on Fee-Per-Item of Service**

<b>NATIONAL</b> 2005 (2004 in brackets)							
<b>Doctors with panels of:-</b>	<b>Visiting Rate:-*</b>						
	<b>6 - 6.9</b>	<b>7 - 7.9</b>	<b>8 - 8.9</b>	<b>9 - 9.9</b>	<b>10 - 10.9</b>	<b>11 - 11.9</b>	<b>12 and Over</b>
100-249	-	1 (-)	-	- (1)	- (1)	1 (-)	1 (2)
250-499	-	-	1 (1)	1 (-)	- (2)	- (1)	1 (-)
500-999	2 (1)	-	- (1)	-	-	1 (-)	- (1)
1,000-1,499	-	1 (-)	-	-	-	-	1 (1)
Over 1,500	-	- (1)	-	-	-	1 (1)	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2 (1)</b>	<b>2 (1)</b>	<b>1 (2)</b>	<b>1 (1)</b>	<b>- (3)</b>	<b>3 (2)</b>	<b>3 (4)</b>

Note: (i) The overall visiting rate in 2005 of the Doctors who continued on a Fee-Per-Item of service contract was 10.56 (Surgery: 9.50 Domiciliary: 1.06), (2004 - Total: 10.77 Surgery: 9.82 Domiciliary: 0.95).

(ii) Only Doctors with panels of 100 persons or over are included in the above table.

(iii) \*Visiting Rate is the total number of consultations divided by the total number of persons on panel.

**Table 15 GMS: Cost of Medicines by Gender within Age Groups**

Health Service Executive	Age Classification																	
	Under 5 Years			5-11 Years			12-15 Years			16-24 Years			25-34 Years			35-44 Years		
	Female €	Male €	Total €	Female €	Male €	Total €	Female €	Male €	Total €	Female €	Male €	Total €	Female €	Male €	Total €	Female €	Male €	Total €
Eastern Areas	78.88	92.25	85.70	59.70	69.72	64.87	68.96	65.43	67.16	231.51	213.25	224.56	304.62	354.65	322.02	447.62	450.38	448.79
Midland	97.75	96.90	97.32	74.30	74.78	74.55	74.77	90.28	82.67	288.83	290.97	289.69	360.10	462.56	397.48	541.16	590.41	561.99
Mid-Western	125.87	126.26	126.06	87.65	110.18	99.22	97.13	111.18	104.25	269.86	251.92	262.26	385.90	447.53	410.10	531.19	588.75	557.02
North Eastern	87.71	90.76	89.30	65.41	72.82	69.21	91.63	64.95	78.11	216.11	198.33	208.99	329.84	379.89	348.52	441.75	443.37	442.46
North Western	56.90	74.93	66.27	56.07	61.59	58.93	58.00	65.66	61.98	163.54	159.07	161.65	249.63	250.75	250.08	326.04	326.62	326.30
South Eastern	91.95	103.51	97.95	63.87	87.94	76.44	78.80	101.78	90.55	226.43	231.06	228.31	323.40	422.48	360.74	495.81	486.67	491.85
Southern	116.31	124.11	120.39	92.74	99.25	96.12	93.92	112.24	103.28	269.28	281.85	274.36	373.88	477.06	413.68	531.58	575.69	550.78
Western	104.33	106.94	105.67	63.15	68.84	66.07	61.61	86.21	73.92	233.19	224.47	229.43	355.75	454.91	394.47	448.62	487.21	466.27

<b>National</b>	€91.71	€100.65	€96.30	€68.43	€78.97	€73.87	€76.49	€84.27	€80.45	€234.69	€227.55	€231.80	€329.24	€398.86	€355.17	€467.10	€485.12	€474.97
<b>% of National Average</b>	12.80%	14.05%	13.44%	9.55%	11.03%	10.31%	10.68%	11.77%	11.23%	32.77%	31.77%	32.36%	45.97%	55.69%	49.59%	65.21%	67.73%	66.31%

**Table 15 GMS: Cost of Medicines by Gender within Age Groups continued**

Health Service Executive	Age Classification																	
	45-54 Years			55-64 Years			65-69 Years			70-74 Years			75 Years & Over			Total		
	Female €	Male €	Total €	Female €	Male €	Total €	Female €	Male €	Total €	Female €	Male €	Total €	Female €	Male €	Total €	Female €	Male €	Total €
Eastern Areas	779.25	738.89	761.48	1,073.88	1,107.98	1,088.90	1,230.00	1,268.79	1,246.00	1,453.40	1,443.32	1,449.74	1,206.73	1,166.42	1,188.52	756.35	693.27	729.41
Midland	893.43	834.84	866.24	1,143.81	1,212.57	1,174.25	1,353.23	1,437.91	1,390.85	1,676.92	1,659.81	1,669.99	1,363.85	1,330.15	1,347.27	842.58	819.41	832.24
Mid-Western	761.75	744.39	753.60	1,056.62	1,032.16	1,045.27	1,152.17	1,170.82	1,160.76	1,393.76	1,413.24	1,401.47	1,210.83	1,157.83	1,185.16	768.52	739.48	755.41
North Eastern	686.99	679.46	683.46	918.20	975.81	944.44	1,112.46	1,167.85	1,136.94	1,360.32	1,431.92	1,388.49	1,167.38	1,172.25	1,169.72	695.18	680.70	688.73
North Western	508.32	490.34	499.57	787.09	731.90	759.92	925.13	943.40	933.90	1,192.93	1,157.50	1,178.43	1,040.85	1,034.43	1,037.63	541.78	510.34	527.13
South Eastern	737.43	765.53	750.56	1,031.32	1,039.34	1,035.03	1,189.60	1,177.41	1,183.98	1,423.39	1,407.34	1,416.91	1,211.06	1,210.51	1,210.80	736.74	718.06	728.32
Southern	803.50	778.57	791.78	1,066.51	1,068.03	1,067.20	1,188.21	1,212.13	1,198.99	1,353.18	1,341.95	1,348.78	1,237.49	1,202.86	1,221.12	790.38	760.26	776.93
Western	665.72	641.86	654.11	858.73	835.16	847.12	1,023.59	994.18	1,009.64	1,250.29	1,242.50	1,247.12	1,106.59	1,058.00	1,082.29	674.19	647.66	661.91
<b>National</b>	€735.03	€710.53	€723.63	€1,004.62	€1,004.95	€1,004.77	€1,161.15	€1,175.39	€1,167.52	€1,393.50	€1,386.90	€1,390.94	€1,198.16	€1,166.15	€1,182.98	€733.19	€695.17	€716.26
<b>% of National Average</b>	102.62%	99.20%	101.03%	140.26%	140.31%	140.28%	162.11%	164.10%	163.00%	194.55%	193.63%	194.19%	167.28%	162.81%	165.16%	102.36%	97.06%	100.00%

**Table 16 GMS: Number of Prescription Forms and Items**

Health Service Executive	Number of Forms		Number of Items		Items per Form	
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004
East Coast Area	911,277	875,458	2,700,203	2,512,586	2.96	2.87
South Western Area	1,546,259	1,520,809	4,417,734	4,183,805	2.86	2.75
Northern Area	1,394,802	1,350,966	4,066,787	3,799,519	2.92	2.81
Midland	875,114	832,797	2,531,618	2,343,854	2.89	2.81
Mid-Western	1,221,813	1,170,705	3,508,363	3,249,094	2.87	2.78
North Eastern	1,144,399	1,128,888	3,256,141	3,086,769	2.85	2.73
North Western	924,074	889,130	2,367,623	2,230,424	2.56	2.51
South Eastern	1,654,962	1,594,818	4,629,133	4,310,591	2.80	2.70
Southern	2,150,993	2,079,929	6,080,556	5,707,329	2.83	2.74
Western	1,403,790	1,350,367	3,869,616	3,606,282	2.76	2.67
<b>National</b>	<b>13,227,483</b>	<b>12,793,867</b>	<b>37,427,774</b>	<b>35,030,253</b>	<b>2.83</b>	<b>2.74</b>



**Table 16.1 GMS: Payment to Pharmacists in Respect of Prescriptions**

Health Service Executive	Cost		Cost per Form		Cost per Item		Ingredient Cost per Item	
	2005 €	2004 €	2005 €	2004 €	2005 €	2004 €	2005 €	2004 €
East Coast Area	58,772,807	55,704,275	64.49	63.63	21.77	22.17	17.22	16.53
South Western Area	94,586,690	89,128,749	61.17	58.61	21.41	21.30	17.08	16.43
Northern Area	91,307,538	84,630,798	65.46	62.64	22.45	22.27	18.01	17.14
Midland	56,622,978	50,888,216	64.70	61.11	22.37	21.71	17.96	17.24
Mid-Western	75,207,013	67,737,452	61.55	57.86	21.44	20.85	17.15	16.41
North Eastern	70,656,822	65,106,476	61.74	57.67	21.70	21.09	17.36	16.62
North Western	51,034,241	46,475,501	55.23	52.27	21.56	20.84	17.30	16.63
South Eastern	99,276,011	89,893,356	59.99	56.37	21.45	20.85	17.08	16.36
Southern	132,492,993	120,761,971	61.60	58.06	21.79	21.16	17.48	16.67
Western	86,346,468	77,579,052	61.51	57.45	22.31	21.51	17.98	17.17
<b>National</b>	<b>€816,303,561</b>	<b>€747,905,846</b>	<b>€61.71</b>	<b>€58.46</b>	<b>€21.81</b>	<b>€21.35</b>	<b>€17.45</b>	<b>€16.70</b>

**Table 16.2 GMS: Number of Items on Prescription Forms**

Prescription forms having:-	2005		2004	
	No. of Forms	% of Total	No. of Forms	% of Total
One Item	5,141,900	38.83	5,082,337	39.69
Two Items	2,668,577	20.15	2,638,483	20.60
Three Items	1,555,997	11.75	1,527,306	11.93
Four Items	1,074,998	8.12	1,036,789	8.10
Five Items	849,401	6.41	797,055	6.22
Six Items	743,837	5.62	672,768	5.25
Seven Items	794,361	6.00	675,874	5.28
Eight or more Items	413,129	3.12	375,047	2.93

**Table 16.3 DP: Number of Items on Claim Forms**

Claim forms having:-	2005		2004	
	No. of Forms	% of Total	No. of Forms	% of Total
One Item	1,859,317	43.63	1,798,756	44.06
Two Items	908,387	21.32	888,593	21.76
Three Items	543,544	12.75	526,847	12.90
Four Items	354,705	8.32	332,731	8.15
Five Items	230,124	5.40	210,430	5.15
Six Items	143,418	3.37	128,989	3.16
Seven Items	88,445	2.08	79,595	1.95
Eight or more Items	133,694	3.14	117,011	2.87

**Table 16.4 LTI: Number of Items on Claim Forms**

Claim forms having:-	2005		2004	
	No. of Forms	% of Total	No. of Forms	% of Total
One Item	279,303	39.18	272,408	41.13
Two Items	142,300	19.96	139,390	21.05
Three Items	90,294	12.67	86,389	13.04
Four Items	67,283	9.44	59,500	8.98
Five Items	50,149	7.03	41,492	6.26
Six Items	35,312	4.95	27,516	4.15
Seven Items	22,355	3.14	16,907	2.55
Eight or more Items	25,935	3.64	18,685	2.82

**Table 17 GMS: Number of Dispensing Doctors\* and Persons for whom they Dispense**

Health Service Executive	2005		2004	
	No. of Doctors	No. of Persons	No. of Doctors	No. of Persons
Eastern Areas	1	551	1	604
Midland	11	4,914	13	4,929
Mid-Western	10	2,518	11	2,956
North Eastern	6	1,375	7	1,587
North Western	35	16,592	34	13,556
South Eastern	24	8,733	24	8,936
Southern	11	1,266	13	1,408
Western	37	17,859	40	20,362
<b>National</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>53,808</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>54,338</b>

\* In rural areas where a Doctor has a centre of practice 3 miles or more from the nearest retail pharmacy the Doctor dispenses for persons served from that centre who opt to be dispensed to. The Doctor is paid a dispensing fee for each such person. A Doctor's medicine requirements are obtained on a Stock Order from a retail pharmacy - the stock ordered is approved in advance by a HSE Area.

**Table 18    GMS: Advance Payments to Pharmacists**

<b>Health Service Executive</b>	<b>Amount Advanced to Pharmacists as at 31st December:-</b>	
	<b>2005 €</b>	<b>2004 €</b>
Eastern Areas	3,946,702	4,479,652
Midland	917,835	990,356
Mid-Western	1,204,348	1,299,459
North Eastern	1,636,093	1,760,065
North Western	1,252,343	1,304,286
South Eastern	1,972,536	2,054,350
Southern	2,260,880	2,471,057
Western	1,980,845	2,128,443
<b>National</b>	<b>€15,171,582</b>	<b>€16,487,668</b>

**Table 19 GMS: Notes on Some of the More Commonly Prescribed Products**

<p>AMOXICILLIN AMOXICILLIN AND ENZYME INHIBITOR</p>	<p>Amoxicillin, alone or potentiated by an inhibitor of bacterial enzymes is a broad spectrum Penicillin antibiotic indicated for the treatment of a wide range of infections.</p>	<p>BECLOMETASONE</p>	<p>Beclometasone is a potent steroid having an anti-inflammatory action within the lungs. It is used mainly by inhalation for the treatment of bronchial asthma.</p>
<p>SALBUTAMOL</p>	<p>Salbutamol is a beta-adrenergic stimulant used mainly in the treatment of chronic asthma and chronic bronchitis.</p>	<p>AMLODIPINE</p>	<p>Amlodipine is a calcium - channel blocker (similar to nifedipine) with peripheral and coronary vasodilator properties. It is given by mouth in the management of hypertension and of angina pectoris.</p>
<p>DICLOFENAC</p>	<p>Diclofenac is a Non-Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drug (NSAID) mainly used to treat pain and inflammation associated with muscular conditions and rheumatoid arthritis.</p>	<p>ACETYLSALICYLIC ACID - ASPIRIN</p>	<p>Acetylsalicylic Acid - Aspirin has anti-inflammatory and additionally analgesic and antipyretic (body temperature lowering) action. Acetylsalicylic Acid - Aspirin also has action against thrombosis or clot formation by inhibition of platelet cell aggregation in the blood.</p>
<p>ATORVASTATIN AND PRAVASTATIN</p>	<p>Atorvastatin and Pravastatin are indicated, in combination with dietary measures, for lowering cholesterol levels.</p>	<p>ATENOLOL</p>	<p>Atenolol is a beta blocker. Members of this class of drugs are used in the treatment of hypertension, angina pectoris and cardiac arrhythmias.</p>
<p>FUROSEMIDE FUROSEMIDE WITH POTASSIUM SPARING DIURETICS</p>	<p>The diuretic Furosemide, alone or in combination with potassium - sparing diuretics, is used to treat hypertension.</p>	<p>OMEPRAZOLE LANSOPRAZOLE</p>	<p>Omeprazole and Lansoprazole are proton pump inhibitors which prevent secretion of gastric acid. They are used in the treatment of reflux oesophagitis and peptic ulceration.</p>

**Table 19.1 GMS: The Top 100 Most Commonly Prescribed Products in the Order of their Prescribing Frequency**

Name	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total	Ingredient Cost €	% of Scheme Total
1 Acetylsalicylic Acid - Aspirin (Antithrombotic)	1,929,054	5.14	4,309,892	0.65
2 Atorvastatin	971,280	2.59	36,471,497	5.48
3 Levothyroxine Sodium	586,881	1.56	1,259,947	0.19
4 Pravastatin	582,741	1.55	24,213,944	3.64
5 Salbutamol (Inhaled)	581,877	1.55	3,257,501	0.49
6 Atenolol	574,713	1.53	3,055,492	0.46
7 Amoxicillin and Enzyme Inhibitor	521,670	1.39	4,850,510	0.73
8 Furosemide	519,949	1.38	622,899	0.09
9 Amlodipine	512,376	1.36	10,501,365	1.58
10 Warfarin	502,943	1.34	1,284,099	0.19
11 Ramipril	494,247	1.32	8,065,145	1.21
12 Omeprazole	482,572	1.28	23,661,509	3.56
13 Calcium, Combinations	463,364	1.23	3,786,633	0.57
14 Bisoprolol	452,341	1.20	4,618,298	0.69
15 Diclofenac (Systemic)	414,931	1.10	4,930,929	0.74
16 Diazepam	413,677	1.10	294,367	0.04
17 Paracetamol	411,633	1.10	538,685	0.08
18 Lansoprazole	404,133	1.08	15,652,447	2.35
19 Clinical Nutritional Products	389,596	1.04	28,762,507	4.33
20 Prednisolone (Systemic)	387,110	1.03	509,595	0.08
21 Bendrofluzide	386,920	1.03	611,799	0.09
22 Dextropropoxyphene Combs. excl. Psycholeptics	352,403	0.94	610,759	0.09
23 Amoxicillin	350,348	0.93	1,679,349	0.25
24 Zopiclone	322,118	0.86	3,289,164	0.49
25 Nimesulide	321,587	0.86	5,472,259	0.82
26 Esomeprazole	319,512	0.85	13,289,470	2.00
27 Digoxin	309,794	0.82	264,950	0.04
28 Metformin	305,442	0.81	991,471	0.15
29 Paracetamol Combs. excl. Psycholeptics	288,420	0.77	1,874,136	0.28
30 Perindopril	287,177	0.76	5,752,828	0.87
31 Alprazolam	283,510	0.75	1,120,950	0.17
32 Clopidogrel	282,154	0.75	15,364,632	2.31
33 Diagnostic Products	275,247	0.73	10,846,349	1.63
34 Pantoprazole	270,560	0.72	9,156,773	1.38
35 Bendroflumethazide and Potassium	269,364	0.72	571,082	0.09



**Table 19.1 GMS: The Top 100 Most Commonly Prescribed Products in the Order of their Prescribing Frequency continued**

Name	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total	Ingredient Cost €	% of Scheme Total
36 Alendronic Acid	268,168	0.71	9,508,652	1.43
37 Lactulose	264,024	0.70	1,503,196	0.23
38 Beclometasone (Inhaled)	262,143	0.70	5,079,849	0.76
39 Salmeterol and other drugs for obstructive airway diseases	253,018	0.67	17,927,868	2.70
40 Salbutamol and other drugs for obstructive airway diseases	252,363	0.67	6,917,436	1.04
41 Carbocisteine	250,259	0.67	1,311,396	0.20
42 Furosemide and Potassium-Sparing Agents	246,573	0.66	1,257,595	0.19
43 Doxazosin	244,626	0.65	7,585,694	1.14
44 Isosorbide Mononitrate	242,309	0.65	3,312,111	0.50
45 Lisinopril	241,403	0.64	3,832,700	0.58
46 Alginic Acid	241,163	0.64	1,290,381	0.19
47 Citalopram	233,186	0.62	6,162,577	0.93
48 Temazepam	227,582	0.61	488,936	0.07
49 Gliclazide	224,924	0.60	2,303,656	0.35
50 Zolpidem	223,338	0.59	1,531,223	0.23
51 Tramadol	221,750	0.59	3,323,991	0.50
52 Artificial Tears and other indifferent preparations	210,247	0.56	842,433	0.13
53 Diclofenac (Topical)	207,012	0.55	1,241,241	0.19
54 Venlafaxine	197,868	0.53	8,553,022	1.29
55 Folic Acid	197,338	0.53	201,864	0.03
56 Domperidone	188,148	0.50	1,022,244	0.15
57 Ferrous Fumarate	187,487	0.50	333,596	0.05
58 Clarithromycin	178,383	0.47	3,495,865	0.53
59 Flurazepam	173,964	0.46	1,189,354	0.18
60 Ibuprofen	158,432	0.42	606,538	0.09
61 Mefenamic Acid	152,329	0.41	762,681	0.11
62 Metoprolol	151,212	0.40	496,958	0.07
63 Glyceryl Trinitrate	149,847	0.40	1,625,318	0.24
64 Escitalopram	146,185	0.39	4,308,091	0.65
65 Cefaclor	140,715	0.37	1,158,143	0.17
66 Allopurinol	138,805	0.37	983,843	0.15
67 Rabeprazole	137,702	0.37	4,235,439	0.64
68 Olanzapine	137,431	0.37	16,133,693	2.43
69 Tolterodine	136,346	0.36	6,350,931	0.96
70 Betamethasone (Topical)	135,646	0.36	618,837	0.09

**Table 19.1 GMS: The Top 100 Most Commonly Prescribed Products in the Order of their Prescribing Frequency continued**

Name	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total	Ingredient Cost €	% of Scheme Total
71 Simvastatin	135,566	0.36	4,786,960	0.72
72 Acetylsalicylic Acid - Aspirin (Anti-inflammatory)	135,444	0.36	175,416	0.03
73 Flucloxacillin	131,290	0.35	1,164,940	0.18
74 Risedronic acid	130,693	0.35	4,757,148	0.72
75 Fluoxetine	127,439	0.34	3,712,626	0.56
76 Paroxetine	127,118	0.34	3,945,621	0.59
77 Risperidone	126,188	0.34	7,992,067	1.20
78 Carbamazepine	125,679	0.33	878,695	0.13
79 Betahistine	125,605	0.33	1,926,056	0.29
80 Rosuvastatin	124,766	0.33	3,649,281	0.55
81 Diltiazem	122,935	0.33	1,797,343	0.27
82 Tiotropium Bromide	121,840	0.32	6,088,689	0.92
83 Needles/Syringes/Lancets	121,075	0.32	1,539,306	0.23
84 Latanoprost	120,202	0.32	2,915,947	0.44
85 Tamsulosin	118,366	0.32	3,615,370	0.54
86 Bromazepam	116,605	0.31	652,207	0.10
87 Losartan	114,827	0.31	3,146,340	0.47
88 Amitriptyline	114,574	0.31	111,806	0.02
89 Captopril	114,500	0.30	2,066,470	0.31
90 Nifedipine	114,143	0.30	1,478,305	0.22
91 Prochlorperazine	112,472	0.30	310,281	0.05
92 Sodium Valproate	112,205	0.30	1,225,330	0.18
93 Ranitidine	109,082	0.29	2,693,119	0.41
94 Glucosamine	108,251	0.29	3,487,673	0.52
95 Ispaghula (Psylla Seeds)	107,580	0.29	467,150	0.07
96 Levonorgestrel and Estrogen (Fixed Combination Contraceptives)	106,838	0.28	416,600	0.06
97 Drospirinone and Estrogen	106,044	0.28	731,612	0.11
98 Codeine Combs. excl. Psycholeptics	105,705	0.28	867,780	0.13
99 Sertraline	104,833	0.28	5,016,434	0.75
100 Dothiepin	103,566	0.28	572,681	0.09
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,789,001</b>	<b>71.30%</b>	<b>451,229,837</b>	<b>67.86%</b>

**Table 19.2 GMS: The Top 100 Products of Highest Cost in the Order of their Total Ingredient Cost**

Name	Ingredient Cost €	% of Scheme Total	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total
1 Atorvastatin	36,471,497	5.48	971,280	2.59
2 Clinical Nutritional Products	28,762,507	4.33	389,596	1.04
3 Pravastatin	24,213,944	3.64	582,741	1.55
4 Omeprazole	23,661,509	3.56	482,572	1.28
5 Salmeterol and other drugs for obstructive airway diseases	17,927,868	2.70	253,018	0.67
6 Olanzapine	16,133,693	2.43	137,431	0.37
7 Lansoprazole	15,652,447	2.35	404,133	1.08
8 Clopidogrel	15,364,632	2.31	282,154	0.75
9 Esomeprazole	13,289,470	2.00	319,512	0.85
10 Diagnostic Products	10,846,349	1.63	275,247	0.73
11 Amlodipine	10,501,365	1.58	512,376	1.36
12 Alendronic Acid	9,508,652	1.43	268,168	0.71
13 Pantoprazole	9,156,773	1.38	270,560	0.72
14 Ostomy Appliances	8,701,282	1.31	80,821	0.22
15 Venlafaxine	8,553,022	1.29	197,868	0.53
16 Donepezil	8,534,861	1.28	72,407	0.19
17 Ramipril	8,065,145	1.21	494,247	1.32
18 Risperidone	7,992,067	1.20	126,188	0.34
19 Doxazosin	7,585,694	1.14	244,626	0.65
20 Salbutamol and other drugs for obstructive airway diseases	6,917,436	1.04	252,363	0.67
21 Tolterodine	6,350,931	0.96	136,346	0.36
22 Citalopram	6,162,577	0.93	233,186	0.62
23 Tiotropium Bromide	6,088,689	0.92	121,840	0.32
24 Perindopril	5,752,828	0.87	287,177	0.76
25 Nimesulide	5,472,259	0.82	321,587	0.86
26 Budesonide (Inhaled)	5,328,673	0.80	72,436	0.19
27 Beclometasone (Inhaled)	5,079,849	0.76	262,143	0.70
28 Sertraline	5,016,434	0.75	104,833	0.28
29 Diclofenac (Systemic)	4,930,929	0.74	414,931	1.10
30 Amoxicillin and Enzyme Inhibitor	4,850,510	0.73	521,670	1.39
31 Simvastatin	4,786,960	0.72	135,566	0.36
32 Risedronic Acid	4,757,148	0.72	130,693	0.35
33 Bisoprolol	4,618,298	0.69	452,341	1.20
34 Formoterol and other drugs for obstructive airway diseases	4,414,041	0.66	76,538	0.20
35 Acetylsalicylic Acid - Aspirin (Antithrombotic)	4,309,892	0.65	1,929,054	5.14

**Table 19.2 GMS: The Top 100 Products of Highest Cost in the Order of their Total Ingredient Cost continued**

Name	Ingredient Cost €	% of Scheme Total	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total
36 Escitalopram	4,308,091	0.65	146,185	0.39
37 Rabeprazole	4,235,439	0.64	137,702	0.37
38 Paroxetine	3,945,621	0.59	127,118	0.34
39 Lamotrigine	3,904,866	0.59	65,507	0.17
40 Lisinopril	3,832,700	0.58	241,403	0.64
41 Gabapentin	3,796,064	0.57	73,763	0.20
42 Fentanyl	3,793,597	0.57	30,829	0.08
43 Calcium, Combinations	3,786,633	0.57	463,364	1.23
44 Fluoxetine	3,712,626	0.56	127,439	0.34
45 Rosuvastatin	3,649,281	0.55	124,766	0.33
46 Tamsulosin	3,615,370	0.54	118,366	0.32
47 Clarithromycin	3,495,865	0.53	178,383	0.47
48 Glucosamine	3,487,673	0.52	108,251	0.29
49 Tramadol	3,323,991	0.50	221,750	0.59
50 Isosorbide Mononitrate	3,312,111	0.50	242,309	0.65
51 Quetiapine	3,303,970	0.50	51,196	0.14
52 Zopiclone	3,289,164	0.49	322,118	0.86
53 Salbutamol (Inhaled)	3,257,501	0.49	581,877	1.55
54 Losartan	3,146,340	0.47	114,827	0.31
55 Nicotine (Replacement Therapy)	3,060,738	0.46	98,516	0.26
56 Atenolol	3,055,492	0.46	574,713	1.53
57 Urinary Appliances	3,004,186	0.45	41,311	0.11
58 Fluticasone (Inhaled)	2,982,904	0.45	49,662	0.13
59 Latanoprost	2,915,947	0.44	120,202	0.32
60 Anastrozole	2,751,725	0.41	25,918	0.07
61 Ranitidine	2,693,119	0.41	109,082	0.29
62 Mirtazapine	2,639,888	0.40	86,179	0.23
63 Valsartan	2,448,227	0.37	101,771	0.27
64 Pregabalin	2,319,126	0.35	25,790	0.07
65 Gliclazide	2,303,656	0.35	224,924	0.60
66 Sildenafil	2,219,130	0.33	61,083	0.16
67 Ondansetron	2,194,468	0.33	13,302	0.04
68 Celecoxib (Anti-inflammatory)	2,129,103	0.32	65,220	0.17
69 Orlistat	2,128,964	0.32	32,826	0.09
70 Montelukast	2,122,642	0.32	54,207	0.14

**Table 19.2 GMS: The Top 100 Products of Highest Cost in the Order of their Total Ingredient Cost continued**

Name	Ingredient Cost €	% of Scheme Total	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total
71 Captopril	2,066,470	0.31	114,500	0.30
72 Candesartan	1,952,374	0.29	84,293	0.22
73 Betahistine	1,926,056	0.29	125,605	0.33
74 Insulin (Human), Comb. Intermediate/Fast Acting	1,924,011	0.29	34,925	0.09
75 Mesalazine	1,908,705	0.29	32,072	0.09
76 Paracetamol Combs. excl. Psycholeptics	1,874,136	0.28	288,420	0.77
77 Rosiglitazone	1,860,057	0.28	35,056	0.09
78 Insulin Glargine	1,815,596	0.27	24,529	0.07
79 Diltiazem	1,797,343	0.27	122,935	0.33
80 Levetiracetam	1,728,272	0.26	17,735	0.05
81 Alfuzosin	1,688,857	0.25	55,664	0.15
82 Amoxicillin	1,679,349	0.25	350,348	0.93
83 Glyceryl Trinitrate	1,625,318	0.24	149,847	0.40
84 Ciprofloxacin	1,592,055	0.24	80,128	0.21
85 Etoricoxib	1,573,916	0.24	45,392	0.12
86 Terbinafine (Systemic)	1,573,761	0.24	27,019	0.07
87 Oxycodone	1,563,580	0.24	40,150	0.11
88 Other Osmotically Acting Laxatives	1,562,706	0.24	96,831	0.26
89 Needles/Syringes/Lancets	1,539,306	0.23	121,075	0.32
90 Zolpidem	1,531,223	0.23	223,338	0.59
91 Telmisartan	1,518,777	0.23	59,403	0.16
92 Lactulose	1,503,196	0.23	264,024	0.70
93 Nifedipine	1,478,305	0.22	114,143	0.30
94 Sevelamer	1,463,488	0.22	8,245	0.02
95 Carbocisteine	1,311,396	0.20	250,259	0.67
96 Valsartan and Diuretics	1,293,104	0.19	52,044	0.14
97 Alginic Acid	1,290,381	0.19	241,163	0.64
98 Warfarin	1,284,099	0.19	502,943	1.34
99 Calcipotriol, combinations	1,276,489	0.19	14,171	0.04
100 Levothyroxine Sodium	1,259,947	0.19	586,881	1.56
<b>Total</b>	<b>524,388,722</b>	<b>78.87%</b>	<b>21,142,646</b>	<b>56.27%</b>

**Table 19.3 DP: The Top 100 Most Commonly Prescribed Products in the Order of their Prescribing Frequency**

Name	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total	Ingredient Cost €	% of Scheme Total
1 Acetylsalicylic Acid - Aspirin (Antithrombotic)	494,875	4.68	1,154,912	0.50
2 Atorvastatin	424,137	4.01	17,104,983	7.34
3 Salbutamol (Inhaled)	237,501	2.24	1,215,320	0.52
4 Pravastatin	200,750	1.90	8,864,909	3.80
5 Levothyroxine Sodium	197,459	1.87	445,155	0.19
6 Atenolol	175,023	1.65	983,928	0.42
7 Amoxicillin and Enzyme Inhibitor	173,791	1.64	1,664,915	0.71
8 Omeprazole	167,750	1.59	9,267,398	3.97
9 Diclofenac (Systemic)	165,857	1.57	2,006,450	0.86
10 Bisoprolol	148,762	1.41	1,590,544	0.68
11 Esomeprazole	146,541	1.38	6,505,198	2.79
12 Amlodipine	144,943	1.37	3,020,738	1.30
13 Calcium, Combinations	144,573	1.37	1,289,393	0.55
14 Salmeterol and other drugs for obstructive airway diseases	144,389	1.36	9,989,963	4.28
15 Ramipril	125,067	1.18	2,128,142	0.91
16 Prednisolone (Systemic)	124,839	1.18	206,506	0.09
17 Lansoprazole	117,769	1.11	4,925,003	2.11
18 Nimesulide	114,388	1.08	1,900,979	0.82
19 Venlafaxine	98,960	0.94	4,626,273	1.98
20 Clarithromycin	94,653	0.89	2,001,185	0.86
21 Clinical Nutritional Products	91,425	0.86	3,832,396	1.64
22 Bendrofluazide	89,324	0.84	140,066	0.06
23 Warfarin	86,394	0.82	235,446	0.10
24 Beclometasone (Inhaled)	82,113	0.78	1,573,965	0.68
25 Alendronic Acid	81,913	0.77	2,900,968	1.24
26 Clopidogrel	78,127	0.74	4,324,538	1.85
27 Paracetamol Combs. excl. Psycholeptics	78,068	0.74	527,521	0.23
28 Alprazolam	77,637	0.73	324,629	0.14
29 Perindopril	77,182	0.73	1,667,999	0.72
30 Doxazosin	76,707	0.72	2,449,116	1.05
31 Zopiclone	76,529	0.72	850,325	0.36
32 Pantoprazole	76,218	0.72	2,755,743	1.18
33 Rosuvastatin	74,835	0.71	2,232,982	0.96
34 Amoxicillin	72,943	0.69	430,828	0.18
35 Citalopram	72,134	0.68	2,184,524	0.94

**Table 19.3 DP: The Top 100 Most Commonly Prescribed Products in the Order of their Prescribing Frequency continued**

Name	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total	Ingredient Cost €	% of Scheme Total
36 Diazepam	66,453	0.63	43,098	0.02
37 Lisinopril	64,753	0.61	1,108,955	0.48
38 Zolpidem	62,353	0.59	462,105	0.20
39 Escitalopram	61,801	0.58	2,018,103	0.87
40 Bendroflumethazide and Potassium	58,286	0.55	123,559	0.05
41 Formoterol and other drugs for obstructive airway diseases	57,607	0.54	3,364,449	1.44
42 Dextropropoxyphene Combs. excl. Psycholeptics	56,709	0.54	91,891	0.04
43 Folic Acid	54,607	0.52	62,528	0.03
44 Tramadol	53,762	0.51	858,915	0.37
45 Alginic Acid	51,116	0.48	306,828	0.13
46 Simvastatin	51,081	0.48	1,953,796	0.84
47 Glucosamine	50,585	0.48	1,655,721	0.71
48 Fluoxetine	48,577	0.46	1,684,661	0.72
49 Allopurinol	48,394	0.46	391,298	0.17
50 Sertraline	48,265	0.46	2,502,402	1.07
51 Paroxetine	48,233	0.46	1,601,714	0.69
52 Carbocisteine	47,852	0.45	271,154	0.12
53 Montelukast	47,635	0.45	1,894,794	0.81
54 Domperidone	47,218	0.45	273,470	0.12
55 Mefenamic Acid	46,723	0.44	237,421	0.10
56 Risedronic Acid	45,167	0.43	1,644,974	0.71
57 Terbinafine (Systemic)	45,157	0.43	2,729,542	1.17
58 Furosemide	44,467	0.42	58,728	0.03
59 Cefaclor	44,273	0.42	378,990	0.16
60 Losartan	43,843	0.41	1,239,779	0.53
61 Fluticasone (Nasal)	43,457	0.41	708,583	0.30
62 Estradiol	43,142	0.41	407,916	0.17
63 Valsartan	42,915	0.41	1,052,050	0.45
64 Diclofenac (Topical)	42,464	0.40	273,681	0.12
65 Metoprolol	40,014	0.38	137,144	0.06
66 Betamethasone (Topical)	39,467	0.37	199,734	0.09
67 Artificial Tears and other indifferent preparations	39,121	0.37	199,885	0.09
68 Drospirinone and Estrogen	38,392	0.36	266,116	0.11
69 Paracetamol	38,076	0.36	55,314	0.02
70 Cetirizine	37,397	0.35	379,081	0.16

**Table 19.3 DP: The Top 100 Most Commonly Prescribed Products in the Order of their Prescribing Frequency continued**

Name	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total	Ingredient Cost €	% of Scheme Total
71 Salbutamol and other drugs for obstructive airway diseases	36,952	0.35	646,919	0.28
72 Mometasone	36,429	0.34	574,498	0.25
73 Fluticasone (Inhaled)	36,328	0.34	1,529,979	0.66
74 Lithium	35,675	0.34	85,414	0.04
75 Candesartan	35,034	0.33	820,786	0.35
76 Olanzapine	34,959	0.33	3,346,568	1.44
77 Bromazepam	34,296	0.32	187,830	0.08
78 Mesalazine	33,667	0.32	2,437,030	1.05
79 Ostomy Appliances	33,459	0.32	2,834,531	1.22
80 Raloxifene	32,288	0.31	983,986	0.42
81 Flucloxacillin	32,226	0.30	307,051	0.13
82 Amitriptyline	31,337	0.30	36,617	0.02
83 Methotrexate	31,234	0.30	107,161	0.05
84 Nebivolol	31,014	0.29	468,809	0.20
85 Desloratadine	30,441	0.29	341,581	0.15
86 Diltiazem	29,853	0.28	457,591	0.20
87 Cyproterone and Estrogen	29,189	0.28	198,023	0.08
88 Rabeprazole	28,871	0.27	930,949	0.40
89 Sildenafil	28,863	0.27	977,618	0.42
90 Acetylsalicylic Acid - Aspirin (Anti-inflammatory)	28,500	0.27	41,425	0.02
91 Atenolol and other Diuretics	28,318	0.27	270,140	0.12
92 Levonorgestrel and Estrogen (Fixed Combination Contraceptives)	27,668	0.26	115,258	0.05
93 Telmisartan	27,449	0.26	703,433	0.30
94 Fluconazole	27,364	0.26	564,798	0.24
95 Budesonide (Inhaled)	27,267	0.26	1,203,534	0.52
96 Valsartan and Diuretics	27,105	0.26	679,132	0.29
97 Dothiepin	26,976	0.25	155,555	0.07
98 Antifungal Combs. (Topical)	26,926	0.25	94,277	0.04
99 Minocycline	26,395	0.25	563,762	0.24
100 Ranitidine	25,851	0.24	748,955	0.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,454,872</b>	<b>70.45%</b>	<b>€160,374,529</b>	<b>68.81%</b>



**Table 19.4 DP: The Top 100 Products of Highest Cost in the Order of their Total Ingredient Cost**

	Name	Ingredient Cost €	% of Scheme Total	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total
1	Atorvastatin	17,104,983	7.34	424,137	4.01
2	Salmeterol and other drugs for obstructive airway diseases	9,989,963	4.28	144,389	1.36
3	Omeprazole	9,267,398	3.97	167,750	1.59
4	Pravastatin	8,864,909	3.80	200,750	1.90
5	Esomeprazole	6,505,198	2.79	146,541	1.38
6	Follitropin Beta	5,345,148	2.29	6,568	0.06
7	Lansoprazole	4,925,003	2.11	117,769	1.11
8	Venlafaxine	4,626,273	1.98	98,960	0.94
9	Clopidogrel	4,324,538	1.85	78,127	0.74
10	Clinical Nutritional Products	3,832,396	1.64	91,425	0.86
11	Formoterol and other drugs for obstructive airway diseases	3,364,449	1.44	57,607	0.54
12	Olanzapine	3,346,568	1.44	34,959	0.33
13	Amlodipine	3,020,738	1.30	144,943	1.37
14	Alendronic Acid	2,900,968	1.24	81,913	0.77
15	Ostomy Appliances	2,834,531	1.22	33,459	0.32
16	Pantoprazole	2,755,743	1.18	76,218	0.72
17	Terbinafine (Systemic)	2,729,542	1.17	45,157	0.43
18	Sertraline	2,502,402	1.07	48,265	0.46
19	Doxazosin	2,449,116	1.05	76,707	0.72
20	Mesalazine	2,437,030	1.05	33,667	0.32
21	Rosuvastatin	2,232,982	0.96	74,835	0.71
22	Citalopram	2,184,524	0.94	72,134	0.68
23	Ramipril	2,128,142	0.91	125,067	1.18
24	Escitalopram	2,018,103	0.87	61,801	0.58
25	Diclofenac (Systemic)	2,006,450	0.86	165,857	1.57
26	Clarithromycin	2,001,185	0.86	94,653	0.89
27	Simvastatin	1,953,796	0.84	51,081	0.48
28	Nimesulide	1,900,979	0.82	114,388	1.08
29	Montelukast	1,894,794	0.81	47,635	0.45
30	Fluoxetine	1,684,661	0.72	48,577	0.46
31	Calcipotriol, combinations	1,681,176	0.72	16,644	0.16
32	Orlistat	1,677,680	0.72	25,189	0.24
33	Perindopril	1,667,999	0.72	77,182	0.73
34	Amoxicillin and Enzyme Inhibitor	1,664,915	0.71	173,791	1.64
35	Glucosamine	1,655,721	0.71	50,585	0.48

**Table 19.4 DP: The Top 100 Products of Highest Cost in the Order of their Total Ingredient Cost continued**

Name	Ingredient Cost €	% of Scheme Total	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total
36 Risedronic acid	1,644,974	0.71	45,167	0.43
37 Paroxetine	1,601,714	0.69	48,233	0.46
38 Bisoprolol	1,590,544	0.68	148,762	1.41
39 Beclometasone (Inhaled)	1,573,965	0.68	82,113	0.78
40 IUCD with Progestogen	1,555,641	0.67	12,257	0.12
41 Fluticasone (Inhaled)	1,529,979	0.66	36,328	0.34
42 Calcium Combinations	1,289,393	0.55	144,573	1.37
43 Tiotropium Bromide	1,242,393	0.53	24,931	0.24
44 Losartan	1,239,779	0.53	43,843	0.41
45 Salbutamol (Inhaled)	1,215,320	0.52	237,501	2.24
46 Gabapentin	1,209,538	0.52	20,679	0.20
47 Budesonide (Inhaled)	1,203,534	0.52	27,267	0.26
48 Acetylsalicylic Acid - Aspirin (Antithrombotic)	1,154,912	0.50	494,875	4.68
49 Isotretinoin	1,120,853	0.48	16,456	0.16
50 Lisinopril	1,108,955	0.48	64,753	0.61
51 Azathioprine	1,058,071	0.45	24,924	0.24
52 Valsartan	1,052,050	0.45	42,915	0.41
53 Tolterodine	1,049,850	0.45	22,083	0.21
54 Risperidone	1,043,371	0.45	16,361	0.15
55 Pregabalin	1,030,857	0.44	10,660	0.10
56 Anastrozole	1,023,513	0.44	9,539	0.09
57 Sibutramine	1,021,450	0.44	16,004	0.15
58 Raloxifene	983,986	0.42	32,288	0.31
59 Atenolol	983,928	0.42	175,023	1.65
60 Sildenafil	977,618	0.42	28,863	0.27
61 Sumatriptan	975,441	0.42	18,200	0.17
62 Tacrolimus (Topical)	934,459	0.40	12,432	0.12
63 Rabeprazole	930,949	0.40	28,871	0.27
64 Famciclovir	920,167	0.39	7,043	0.07
65 Ezetimibe	885,960	0.38	21,717	0.21
66 Celecoxib (Anti-inflammatory)	879,355	0.38	24,309	0.23
67 Tramadol	858,915	0.37	53,762	0.51
68 Zopiclone	850,325	0.36	76,529	0.72
69 Candesartan	820,786	0.35	35,034	0.33
70 Lamotrigine	813,414	0.35	17,931	0.17

**Table 19.4 DP: The Top 100 Products of Highest Cost in the Order of their Total Ingredient Cost continued**

Name	Ingredient Cost €	% of Scheme Total	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total
71 Urinary Appliances	801,094	0.34	7,639	0.07
72 Etoricoxib	786,607	0.34	22,428	0.21
73 Ondansetron	782,974	0.34	5,776	0.05
74 Quetiapine	775,813	0.33	10,824	0.10
75 Ranitidine	748,955	0.32	25,851	0.24
76 Calcipotriol	713,536	0.31	17,128	0.16
77 Fluticasone (Nasal)	708,583	0.30	43,457	0.41
78 Tadalafil	706,908	0.30	23,291	0.22
79 Telmisartan	703,433	0.30	27,449	0.26
80 Valsartan and Diuretics	679,132	0.29	27,105	0.26
81 Fentanyl	671,377	0.29	3,935	0.04
82 Salbutamol and other drugs for obstructive airway diseases	646,919	0.28	36,952	0.35
83 Tamsulosin	643,627	0.28	20,951	0.20
84 Zolmitriptan	618,782	0.27	14,590	0.14
85 Ciprofloxacin	593,918	0.25	25,481	0.24
86 Mometasone	574,498	0.25	36,429	0.34
87 Fluconazole	564,798	0.24	27,364	0.26
88 Acyclovir (Systemic)	563,886	0.24	6,101	0.06
89 Minocycline	563,762	0.24	26,395	0.25
90 Mirtazapine	556,140	0.24	17,585	0.17
91 Paracetamol Combs. excl. Psycholeptics	527,521	0.23	78,068	0.74
92 Captopril	508,461	0.22	24,984	0.24
93 Valaciclovir	497,857	0.21	5,175	0.05
94 Tinzaparin	481,755	0.21	2,676	0.03
95 Nebivolol	468,809	0.20	31,014	0.29
96 Zolpidem	462,105	0.20	62,353	0.59
97 Candesartan and Diuretics	460,380	0.20	15,363	0.15
98 Diltiazem	457,591	0.20	29,853	0.28
99 Salmeterol	454,190	0.19	12,667	0.12
100 Diagnostic Products	452,432	0.19	12,285	0.12
<b>Total</b>	<b>€189,031,805</b>	<b>81.08%</b>	<b>6,132,125</b>	<b>57.99%</b>

**Table 19.5 LTI: The Top 100 Most Commonly Prescribed Products in the Order of their Prescribing Frequency**

Name	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total	Ingredient Cost €	% of Scheme Total
1 Diagnostic Products	222,207	11.52	10,801,528	18.66
2 Metformin	146,262	7.58	505,437	0.87
3 Acetylsalicylic Acid - Aspirin (Antithrombotic)	145,041	7.52	340,506	0.59
4 Atorvastatin	100,276	5.20	3,955,457	6.83
5 Needles/Syringes/Lancets	99,507	5.16	1,399,546	2.42
6 Gliclazide	85,509	4.43	963,915	1.67
7 Ramipril	54,578	2.83	940,658	1.62
8 Insulin Aspart	50,655	2.63	3,008,283	5.20
9 Carbamazepine	44,700	2.32	402,169	0.69
10 Sodium Valproate	43,737	2.27	548,710	0.95
11 Pravastatin	36,233	1.88	1,591,323	2.75
12 Insulin Glargine	33,836	1.75	2,567,730	4.44
13 Lamotrigine	33,292	1.73	2,392,131	4.13
14 Perindopril	31,071	1.61	741,723	1.28
15 Amlodipine	30,345	1.57	659,779	1.14
16 Clinical Nutritional Products	28,506	1.48	3,131,225	5.41
17 Phenytoin	24,719	1.28	71,135	0.12
18 Insulin (Human), Comb. Intermediate/Fast Acting	23,263	1.21	1,215,623	2.10
19 Atenolol	22,632	1.17	134,589	0.23
20 Lisinopril	21,425	1.11	378,873	0.65
21 Rosiglitazone	19,383	1.00	1,065,448	1.84
22 Insulin (Human), Intermediate Acting	19,233	1.00	787,919	1.36
23 Insulin (Human), Fast Acting	18,605	0.96	836,193	1.44
24 Doxazosin	18,358	0.95	642,095	1.11
25 Bisoprolol	18,208	0.94	199,865	0.35
26 Glimepiride	14,415	0.75	158,637	0.27
27 Insulin Detemir	14,129	0.73	1,104,917	1.91
28 Rosuvastatin	11,138	0.58	336,052	0.58
29 Levetiracetam	11,047	0.57	1,165,852	2.01
30 Levothyroxine Sodium	10,763	0.56	26,010	0.04
31 Phenobarbitone	10,337	0.54	24,824	0.04
32 Losartan	10,221	0.53	300,873	0.52
33 Clopidogrel	10,068	0.52	559,806	0.97
34 Furosemide	9,635	0.50	15,716	0.03
35 Bendrofluzide	9,509	0.49	14,541	0.03

**Table 19.5 LTI: The Top 100 Most Commonly Prescribed Products in the Order of their Prescribing Frequency continued**

Name	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total	Ingredient Cost €	% of Scheme Total
36 Insulin Lispro	9,189	0.48	524,927	0.91
37 Simvastatin	8,908	0.46	347,069	0.60
38 Folic Acid	8,715	0.45	10,148	0.02
39 Pancreatic Enzymes	8,009	0.42	888,112	1.53
40 Valsartan	7,961	0.41	195,588	0.34
41 Glibenclamide	7,546	0.39	62,723	0.11
42 Candesartan	6,741	0.35	159,752	0.28
43 Glucagon	6,670	0.35	198,380	0.34
44 Levodopa and Decarboxylase Inhibitor	6,603	0.34	130,070	0.22
45 Metformin and Rosiglitazone	6,572	0.34	331,692	0.57
46 Injection Swabs	5,974	0.31	18,334	0.03
47 Topiramate	5,953	0.31	473,542	0.82
48 Metoprolol	5,589	0.29	20,858	0.04
49 Captopril	5,153	0.27	115,267	0.20
50 Nebivolol	5,143	0.27	80,519	0.14
51 Warfarin	5,090	0.26	15,564	0.03
52 Bendroflumethazide and Potassium	5,075	0.26	10,928	0.02
53 Gabapentin	5,070	0.26	355,924	0.61
54 Enalapril	5,052	0.26	90,142	0.16
55 Urinary Appliances	4,842	0.25	482,376	0.83
56 Acetylsalicylic Acid - Aspirin (Anti-inflammatory)	4,620	0.24	6,722	0.01
57 Quinapril	4,426	0.23	73,417	0.13
58 Omeprazole	4,308	0.22	239,366	0.41
59 Diltiazem	4,253	0.22	66,249	0.11
60 Sildenafil	4,212	0.22	133,295	0.23
61 Irbesartan	4,195	0.22	111,022	0.19
62 Selegiline	4,112	0.21	146,585	0.25
63 Telmisartan	4,103	0.21	107,278	0.19
64 Salbutamol (Inhaled)	4,050	0.21	35,133	0.06
65 Indapamide	4,035	0.21	31,901	0.06
66 Evening Primrose Oil (Naudicelle)	4,016	0.21	109,864	0.19
67 Vitamin A and D in Combination	3,902	0.20	72,898	0.13
68 Baclofen	3,805	0.20	68,952	0.12
69 Amoxicillin and Enzyme Inhibitor	3,625	0.19	46,471	0.08
70 Lisinopril and Diuretics	3,525	0.18	69,330	0.12

**Table 19.5 LTI: The Top 100 Most Commonly Prescribed Products in the Order of their Prescribing Frequency continued**

Name	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total	Ingredient Cost €	% of Scheme Total
71 Pramipexole	3,502	0.18	598,496	1.03
72 Isosorbide Mononitrate	3,439	0.18	46,404	0.08
73 Nifedipine	3,252	0.17	48,466	0.08
74 Diazepam	3,134	0.16	9,659	0.02
75 Insulin Infusion Sets	3,070	0.16	424,537	0.73
76 Tadalafil	2,887	0.15	87,535	0.15
77 Clobazam	2,815	0.15	16,308	0.03
78 Perindopril and Diuretics	2,788	0.14	72,312	0.12
79 Valsartan and Diuretics	2,743	0.14	69,724	0.12
80 Lansoprazole	2,737	0.14	116,392	0.20
81 Atenolol and other Diuretics	2,598	0.13	26,634	0.05
82 Digoxin	2,439	0.13	2,091	0.00
83 Tolterodine	2,434	0.13	117,601	0.20
84 Flucloxacillin	2,431	0.13	62,610	0.11
85 Colistin (Parenteral)	2,427	0.13	323,697	0.56
86 Paracetamol	2,370	0.12	9,838	0.02
87 Ropinirole	2,349	0.12	271,678	0.47
88 Clonazepam	2,324	0.12	17,385	0.03
89 Furosemide and Potassium-Sparing Agents	2,324	0.12	12,819	0.02
90 Fenofibrate	2,308	0.12	51,006	0.09
91 Insulin (Human), Long Acting	2,292	0.12	56,429	0.10
92 Eprosartan	2,281	0.12	53,718	0.09
93 Olmesartan	2,272	0.12	48,604	0.08
94 Dressings	2,218	0.11	69,048	0.12
95 Calcium, Combinations	2,194	0.11	20,893	0.04
96 Glyceryl Trinitrate	2,173	0.11	18,343	0.03
97 Oxcarbazepine	2,128	0.11	65,343	0.11
98 Sodium Chloride	2,104	0.11	29,342	0.05
99 Primidone	2,073	0.11	19,215	0.03
100 Esomeprazole	2,020	0.10	86,633	0.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,750,011</b>	<b>90.71%</b>	<b>€51,672,246</b>	<b>89.24%</b>

**Table 19.6 LTI: The Top 100 Products of Highest Cost in the Order of their Total Ingredient Cost**

Name	Ingredient Cost €	% of Scheme Total	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total
1 Diagnostic Products	10,801,528	18.66	222,207	11.52
2 Atorvastatin	3,955,457	6.83	100,276	5.20
3 Clinical Nutritional Products	3,131,225	5.41	28,506	1.48
4 Insulin Aspart	3,008,283	5.20	50,655	2.63
5 Insulin Glargine	2,567,730	4.44	33,836	1.75
6 Lamotrigine	2,392,131	4.13	33,292	1.73
7 Pravastatin	1,591,323	2.75	36,233	1.88
8 Needles/Syringes/Lancets	1,399,546	2.42	99,507	5.16
9 Insulin (Human), Comb. Intermediate/Fast Acting	1,215,623	2.10	23,263	1.21
10 Levetiracetam	1,165,852	2.01	11,047	0.57
11 Insulin Detemir	1,104,917	1.91	14,129	0.73
12 Rosiglitazone	1,065,448	1.84	19,383	1.00
13 Gliclazide	963,915	1.67	85,509	4.43
14 Ramipril	940,658	1.62	54,578	2.83
15 Pancreatic Enzymes	888,112	1.53	8,009	0.42
16 Insulin (Human), Fast Acting	836,193	1.44	18,605	0.96
17 Insulin (Human), Intermediate Acting	787,919	1.36	19,233	1.00
18 Perindopril	741,723	1.28	31,071	1.61
19 Amlodipine	659,779	1.14	30,345	1.57
20 Doxazosin	642,095	1.11	18,358	0.95
21 Pramipexole	598,496	1.03	3,502	0.18
22 Apomorphine	577,215	1.00	774	0.04
23 Clopidogrel	559,806	0.97	10,068	0.52
24 Sodium Valproate	548,710	0.95	43,737	2.27
25 Insulin Lispro	524,927	0.91	9,189	0.48
26 Metformin	505,437	0.87	146,262	7.58
27 Urinary Appliances	482,376	0.83	4,842	0.25
28 Topiramate	473,542	0.82	5,953	0.31
29 Insulin Infusion Sets	424,537	0.73	3,070	0.16
30 Carbamazepine	402,169	0.69	44,700	2.32
31 Lisinopril	378,873	0.65	21,425	1.11
32 Gabapentin	355,924	0.61	5,070	0.26
33 Simvastatin	347,069	0.60	8,908	0.46
34 Acetylsalicylic Acid - Aspirin (Antithrombotic)	340,506	0.59	145,041	7.52
35 Rosuvastatin	336,052	0.58	11,138	0.58

**Table 19.6 LTI:The Top 100 Products of Highest Cost in the Order of their Total Ingredient Cost continued**

Name	Ingredient Cost €	% of Scheme Total	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total
36 Metformin and Rosiglitazone	331,692	0.57	6,572	0.34
37 Colistin (Parenteral)	323,697	0.56	2,427	0.13
38 Nutritional/Ancillary Devices	309,869	0.54	1,792	0.09
39 Losartan	300,873	0.52	10,221	0.53
40 Ropinirole	271,678	0.47	2,349	0.12
41 Omeprazole	239,366	0.41	4,308	0.22
42 Bisoprolol	199,865	0.35	18,208	0.94
43 Glucagon	198,380	0.34	6,670	0.35
44 Valsartan	195,588	0.34	7,961	0.41
45 Metamfetamine	176,218	0.30	1,371	0.07
46 Candesartan	159,752	0.28	6,741	0.35
47 Glimepiride	158,637	0.27	14,415	0.75
48 Selegiline	146,585	0.25	4,112	0.21
49 Tizanidine	146,285	0.25	1,320	0.07
50 Azithromycin	140,982	0.24	1,943	0.10
51 Atenolol	134,589	0.23	22,632	1.17
52 Sildenafil	133,295	0.23	4,212	0.22
53 Levodopa and Decarboxylase Inhibitor	130,070	0.22	6,603	0.34
54 Orlistat	129,920	0.22	1,948	0.10
55 Pregabalin	126,590	0.22	1,270	0.07
56 Desmopressin	118,231	0.20	1,827	0.09
57 Tolterodine	117,601	0.20	2,434	0.13
58 Lansoprazole	116,392	0.20	2,737	0.14
59 Captopril	115,267	0.20	5,153	0.27
60 Ostomy Appliances	111,568	0.19	1,169	0.06
61 Irbesartan	111,022	0.19	4,195	0.22
62 Evening Primrose Oil (Naudicelle)	109,864	0.19	4,016	0.21
63 Telmisartan	107,278	0.19	4,103	0.21
64 Insulin (Human), Fast Acting Combinations	96,961	0.17	1,666	0.09
65 Entacapone	91,823	0.16	912	0.05
66 Enalapril	90,142	0.16	5,052	0.26
67 Salmeterol and other drugs for obstructive airway diseases	88,044	0.15	1,171	0.06
68 Tadalafil	87,535	0.15	2,887	0.15
69 Esomeprazole	86,633	0.15	2,020	0.10
70 Meropenem	82,472	0.14	59	0.00



**Table 19.6 LTI: The Top 100 Products of Highest Cost in the Order of their Total Ingredient Cost continued**

Name	Ingredient Cost €	% of Scheme Total	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total
71 Nebivolol	80,519	0.14	5,143	0.27
72 Levocarnitine	79,427	0.14	135	0.01
73 Ciprofloxacin	78,331	0.14	1,498	0.08
74 Ezetimibe	74,263	0.13	1,840	0.10
75 Quinapril	73,417	0.13	4,426	0.23
76 Vitamin A and D in Combination	72,898	0.13	3,902	0.20
77 Perindopril and Diuretics	72,312	0.12	2,788	0.14
78 Phenytoin	71,135	0.12	24,719	1.28
79 Valsartan and Diuretics	69,724	0.12	2,743	0.14
80 Cabergoline	69,450	0.12	340	0.02
81 Lisinopril and Diuretics	69,330	0.12	3,525	0.18
82 Dressings	69,048	0.12	2,218	0.11
83 Baclofen	68,952	0.12	3,805	0.20
84 Alimentary Tract/Metabolism, Various Products	67,722	0.12	316	0.02
85 Diltiazem	66,249	0.11	4,253	0.22
86 Oxcarbazepine	65,343	0.11	2,128	0.11
87 Risperidone	64,805	0.11	1,217	0.06
88 Ceftazidime	64,276	0.11	111	0.01
89 Repaglinide	62,981	0.11	1,886	0.10
90 Modafinil	62,905	0.11	406	0.02
91 Glibenclamide	62,723	0.11	7,546	0.39
92 Flucloxacillin	62,610	0.11	2,431	0.13
93 Vigabatrin	60,834	0.11	959	0.05
94 Gemfibrozil	59,230	0.10	1,824	0.09
95 I.V. Administration	57,871	0.10	331	0.02
96 Insulin (Human), Long Acting	56,429	0.10	2,292	0.12
97 Budesonide (Inhaled)	55,145	0.10	684	0.04
98 Eprosartan	53,718	0.09	2,281	0.12
99 Sodium Phenylbutyrate	53,232	0.09	77	0.00
100 Oxybutynin	52,563	0.09	1,762	0.09
<b>Total</b>	<b>€54,177,302</b>	<b>93.56%</b>	<b>1,655,783</b>	<b>85.84%</b>

**Table 20 GMS: Distribution of Medicines and Appliances by Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical Classification**

<b>ATC Class</b>	<b>Product Category</b>	<b>Prescribing Frequency</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>	<b>Ingredient Cost €</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Alimentary Tract and Metabolism</b>	<b>4,599,054</b>	<b>12.25</b>	<b>106,131,908</b>	<b>15.96</b>
<b>A01</b>	Stomatological Preparations	81,139	0.22	302,349	0.05
<b>A02</b>	Drugs for Acid Related Disorders	2,063,818	5.49	70,973,352	10.67
<b>A03</b>	Drugs for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders	334,202	0.89	2,027,789	0.30
<b>A04</b>	Anti-emetics and Anti-nauseants	17,743	0.05	2,575,654	0.39
<b>A05</b>	Bile and Liver Therapy	9,508	0.02	468,410	0.07
<b>A06</b>	Laxatives	510,967	1.36	4,168,826	0.63
<b>A07</b>	Antidiarrheals, Intestinal Anti-inflammatory/Anti-infective Agents	193,682	0.52	3,184,800	0.48
<b>A08</b>	Anti-obesity Preparations excl. Diet Products	47,464	0.13	3,038,451	0.46
<b>A09</b>	Digestives, including Enzymes	8,580	0.02	837,711	0.13
<b>A10</b>	Drugs Used in Diabetes	770,838	2.05	13,853,184	2.08
<b>A11</b>	Vitamins	51,013	0.14	617,832	0.09
<b>A12</b>	Mineral Supplements	510,100	1.36	4,083,550	0.61
<b>B</b>	<b>Blood and Blood Forming Organs</b>	<b>3,299,014</b>	<b>8.78</b>	<b>24,046,352</b>	<b>3.61</b>
<b>B01</b>	Antithrombotic Agents	2,765,144	7.36	22,768,423	3.42
<b>B02</b>	Antihemorrhagics	9,610	0.03	120,882	0.02
<b>B03</b>	Anti-anemic Preparations	524,214	1.39	1,156,560	0.17
<b>B05</b>	Blood Substitutes and Perfusion Solutions	46	0.00	487	0.00

**Table 20 GMS: Distribution of Medicines and Appliances by Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical Classification continued**

<b>ATC Class</b>	<b>Product Category</b>	<b>Prescribing Frequency</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>	<b>Ingredient Cost €</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Cardiovascular System</b>	<b>9,377,404</b>	<b>24.97</b>	<b>162,026,128</b>	<b>24.36</b>
<b>C01</b>	Cardiac Therapy	870,143	2.32	8,137,193	1.22
<b>C02</b>	Antihypertensives	281,730	0.75	7,824,483	1.18
<b>C03</b>	Diuretics	1,735,246	4.62	4,863,933	0.73
<b>C04</b>	Peripheral Vasodilators	61,098	0.16	991,760	0.15
<b>C05</b>	Vasoprotectives	94,776	0.25	604,325	0.09
<b>C07</b>	Beta Blocking Agents	1,526,820	4.07	12,118,405	1.82
<b>C08</b>	Calcium Channel Blockers	889,662	2.37	15,545,702	2.34
<b>C09</b>	Agents Acting on the Renin-Angiotensin System	1,995,675	5.31	39,596,479	5.95
<b>C10</b>	Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	1,922,254	5.12	72,343,848	10.88
<b>D</b>	<b>Dermatologicals</b>	<b>1,073,983</b>	<b>2.86</b>	<b>10,448,296</b>	<b>1.57</b>
<b>D01</b>	Antifungals for Dermatological Use	249,396	0.66	3,334,984	0.50
<b>D02</b>	Emollients and Protectives	116,892	0.31	329,220	0.05
<b>D03</b>	Preparations for Treatment of Wounds and Ulcers	1,092	0.00	33,725	0.00
<b>D05</b>	Antipsoriatics	47,169	0.13	2,221,897	0.33
<b>D06</b>	Antibiotics and Chemotherapeutics for Dermatological Use	124,953	0.33	992,782	0.15
<b>D07</b>	Corticosteroids, Dermatological Preparations	491,466	1.31	2,390,478	0.36
<b>D10</b>	Anti-Acne Preparations	32,779	0.09	565,234	0.09
<b>D11</b>	Other Dermatological Preparations	10,236	0.03	579,976	0.09
<b>G</b>	<b>Genito Urinary System and Sex Hormones</b>	<b>1,356,355</b>	<b>3.61</b>	<b>25,978,378</b>	<b>3.91</b>
<b>G01</b>	Gynecological Anti-infectives and Antiseptics	23,710	0.06	128,628	0.02
<b>G02</b>	Other Gynecologicals	13,431	0.04	1,042,273	0.16
<b>G03</b>	Sex Hormones and Modulators of the Genital System	791,933	2.11	6,467,609	0.97
<b>G04</b>	Urologicals	527,281	1.40	18,339,868	2.76

**Table 20 GMS: Distribution of Medicines and Appliances by Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical Classification continued**

<b>ATC Class</b>	<b>Product Category</b>	<b>Prescribing Frequency</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>	<b>Ingredient Cost €</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>
<b>H</b>	<b>Systemic Hormonal Preparations, Excl. Sex Hormones and Insulins</b>	<b>1,112,257</b>	<b>2.96</b>	<b>3,098,939</b>	<b>0.47</b>
<b>H01</b>	Pituitary, Hypothalamic Hormones and Analogues	12,403	0.03	636,733	0.10
<b>H02</b>	Corticosteroids for Systemic Use	457,309	1.22	960,653	0.14
<b>H03</b>	Thyroid Therapy	638,424	1.70	1,368,533	0.21
<b>H04</b>	Pancreatic Hormones	4,039	0.01	129,453	0.02
<b>H05</b>	Calcium Homeostasis	82	0.00	3,567	0.00
<b>J</b>	<b>Anti-infectives for Systemic Use</b>	<b>2,048,067</b>	<b>5.45</b>	<b>22,650,990</b>	<b>3.41</b>
<b>J01</b>	Antibacterials for Systemic Use	1,974,732	5.26	19,324,974	2.91
<b>J02</b>	Antimycotics for Systemic Use	49,561	0.13	1,238,954	0.19
<b>J04</b>	Antimycobacterials	2,943	0.01	70,308	0.01
<b>J05</b>	Antivirals for Systemic Use	20,558	0.05	2,013,227	0.30
<b>J07</b>	Vaccines	273	0.00	3,527	0.00
<b>L</b>	<b>Antineoplastic and Immunomodulating Agents</b>	<b>181,340</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>6,568,060</b>	<b>0.99</b>
<b>L01</b>	Antineoplastic Agents	13,228	0.03	206,243	0.03
<b>L02</b>	Endocrine Therapy	77,810	0.21	4,790,131	0.72
<b>L04</b>	Immunosuppressive Agents	90,302	0.24	1,571,686	0.24

**Table 20 GMS: Distribution of Medicines and Appliances by Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical Classification continued**

<b>ATC Class</b>	<b>Product Category</b>	<b>Prescribing Frequency</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>	<b>Ingredient Cost €</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>
<b>M</b>	<b>Musculo-Skeletal System</b>	<b>2,451,731</b>	<b>6.53</b>	<b>42,627,684</b>	<b>6.41</b>
<b>M01</b>	Anti-inflammatory and Antirheumatic Products	1,486,930	3.96	22,554,500	3.39
<b>M02</b>	Topical Products for Joint and Muscular Pain	378,538	1.01	2,867,516	0.43
<b>M03</b>	Muscle Relaxants	31,360	0.08	1,084,088	0.16
<b>M04</b>	Antigout Preparations	138,806	0.37	983,844	0.15
<b>M05</b>	Drugs for treatment of Bone Diseases	415,656	1.11	15,081,509	2.27
<b>M09</b>	Other Drugs for Disorders of the Musculo-Skeletal System	441	0.00	56,227	0.01
<b>N</b>	<b>Nervous System</b>	<b>7,199,805</b>	<b>19.17</b>	<b>132,866,442</b>	<b>19.98</b>
<b>N01</b>	Anaesthetics	1,707	0.01	10,262	0.00
<b>N02</b>	Analgesics	1,721,900	4.58	15,900,966	2.39
<b>N03</b>	Anti-epileptics	569,041	1.52	15,291,030	2.30
<b>N04</b>	Anti-Parkinson Drugs	194,312	0.52	4,064,560	0.61
<b>N05</b>	Psycholeptics	2,911,524	7.75	41,671,532	6.27
<b>N06</b>	Psychoanaleptics	1,541,164	4.10	50,329,937	7.57
<b>N07</b>	Other Nervous System Drugs	260,157	0.69	5,598,155	0.84
<b>P</b>	<b>Antiparasitic Products, Insecticides and Repellents</b>	<b>63,998</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>374,641</b>	<b>0.05</b>
<b>P01</b>	Antiprotozoals	38,313	0.10	203,310	0.03
<b>P02</b>	Anthelmintics	7,555	0.02	21,134	0.00
<b>P03</b>	Ectoparasiticides, incl. Scabicides, Insecticides and Repellents	18,130	0.05	150,197	0.02

**Table 20 GMS: Distribution of Medicines and Appliances by Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical Classification continued**

<b>ATC Class</b>	<b>Product Category</b>	<b>Prescribing Frequency</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>	<b>Ingredient Cost €</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>
<b>R</b>	<b>Respiratory System</b>	<b>2,745,138</b>	<b>7.31</b>	<b>63,292,283</b>	<b>9.52</b>
<b>R01</b>	Nasal Preparations	183,748	0.49	2,118,399	0.32
<b>R02</b>	Throat Preparations	8,757	0.02	19,931	0.00
<b>R03</b>	Drugs for Obstructive Airway Diseases	2,060,368	5.49	57,823,822	8.70
<b>R05</b>	Cough and Cold Preparations	273,563	0.73	1,404,147	0.21
<b>R06</b>	Antihistamines for Systemic Use	217,649	0.58	1,902,221	0.29
<b>R07</b>	Other Respiratory System Products	1,053	0.00	23,763	0.00
<b>S</b>	<b>Sensory Organs</b>	<b>955,714</b>	<b>2.54</b>	<b>9,011,839</b>	<b>1.36</b>
<b>S01</b>	Ophthalmologicals	876,405	2.33	8,722,888	1.31
<b>S02</b>	Otologicals	38,616	0.10	180,413	0.03
<b>S03</b>	Ophthalmological and Otological Preparations	40,693	0.11	108,538	0.02
<b>V</b>	<b>Various</b>	<b>1,097,208</b>	<b>2.92</b>	<b>55,842,736</b>	<b>8.40</b>
<b>V03</b>	Other Therapeutic Products	9,750	0.03	1,590,669	0.24
<b>V04</b>	Diagnostic Products	275,247	0.73	10,846,349	1.63
<b>V06</b>	Clinical Nutritional Products	389,596	1.04	28,762,507	4.33
<b>V07</b>	All Other Non-Therapeutic Products:	422,615	1.12	14,643,211	2.20
	<i>Needles/Syringes/Lancets</i>	<i>121,541</i>	<i>0.32</i>	<i>1,601,234</i>	<i>0.24</i>
	<i>Ostomy Requisites</i>	<i>80,869</i>	<i>0.21</i>	<i>8,704,903</i>	<i>1.31</i>
	<i>Urinary Requisites</i>	<i>41,590</i>	<i>0.11</i>	<i>3,030,816</i>	<i>0.46</i>
	<i>Dressings</i>	<i>25,043</i>	<i>0.07</i>	<i>994,308</i>	<i>0.15</i>
	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<i>153,572</i>	<i>0.41</i>	<i>311,950</i>	<i>0.04</i>
<b>Total</b>		<b>37,561,068</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>€664,964,676</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Table 20.1 DP: Distribution of Medicines and Appliances by Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical Classification**

<b>ATC Class</b>	<b>Product Category</b>	<b>Prescribing Frequency</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>	<b>Ingredient Cost €</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Alimentary Tract and Metabolism</b>	<b>1,152,963</b>	<b>10.89</b>	<b>36,135,540</b>	<b>15.50</b>
<b>A01</b>	Stomatological Preparations	22,382	0.21	85,298	0.04
<b>A02</b>	Drugs for Acid Related Disorders	632,675	5.98	25,658,316	11.00
<b>A03</b>	Drugs for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders	92,260	0.87	639,788	0.27
<b>A04</b>	Anti-emetics and Antinauseants	7,963	0.08	904,353	0.39
<b>A05</b>	Bile and Liver Therapy	5,253	0.05	324,825	0.14
<b>A06</b>	Laxatives	58,669	0.55	482,753	0.21
<b>A07</b>	Antidiarrheals, Intestinal Anti-inflammatory/Anti-infective Agents	88,316	0.83	3,220,143	1.38
<b>A08</b>	Anti-obesity Preparations excluding Diet Products	41,193	0.39	2,699,129	1.16
<b>A09</b>	Digestives, including Enzymes	1,399	0.01	78,708	0.03
<b>A10</b>	Drugs used in Diabetes	33,276	0.31	430,518	0.19
<b>A11</b>	Vitamins	14,308	0.14	236,515	0.10
<b>A12</b>	Mineral Supplements	155,242	1.47	1,374,713	0.59
<b>A14</b>	Anabolic Agents for Systemic Use	26	0.00	480	0.00
<b>A16</b>	Other Alimentary Tract/Metabolism Products	1	0.00	1	0.00
<b>B</b>	<b>Blood and Blood Forming Organs</b>	<b>757,565</b>	<b>7.16</b>	<b>6,705,979</b>	<b>2.87</b>
<b>B01</b>	Antithrombotic Agents	667,336	6.31	6,410,717	2.75
<b>B02</b>	Antihemorrhagics	3,986	0.04	49,985	0.02
<b>B03</b>	Anti-anemic Preparations	86,218	0.81	244,520	0.10
<b>B05</b>	Blood Substitutes and Perfusion Solutions	25	0.00	757	0.00

Note: The above costs are inclusive of the monthly payment of €85 payable to the Pharmacy by an individual or family.

**Table 20.1 DP: Distribution of Medicines and Appliances by Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical Classification continued**

<b>ATC Class</b>	<b>Product Category</b>	<b>Prescribing Frequency</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>	<b>Ingredient Cost €</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Cardiovascular System</b>	<b>2,683,640</b>	<b>25.36</b>	<b>59,916,357</b>	<b>25.69</b>
<b>C01</b>	Cardiac Therapy	103,001	0.97	1,357,339	0.58
<b>C02</b>	Antihypertensives	81,190	0.77	2,501,438	1.07
<b>C03</b>	Diuretics	271,243	2.56	871,313	0.37
<b>C04</b>	Peripheral Vasodilators	3,964	0.04	83,143	0.04
<b>C05</b>	Vasoprotectives	37,003	0.35	220,915	0.09
<b>C07</b>	Beta Blocking Agents	485,044	4.58	4,216,440	1.81
<b>C08</b>	Calcium Channel Blockers	229,299	2.17	4,240,798	1.82
<b>C09</b>	Agents Acting on the Renin-Angiotensin System	659,869	6.24	14,227,889	6.10
<b>C10</b>	Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	813,027	7.68	32,197,082	13.81
<b>D</b>	<b>Dermatologicals</b>	<b>447,599</b>	<b>4.23</b>	<b>10,253,147</b>	<b>4.40</b>
<b>D01</b>	Antifungals for Dermatological Use	129,666	1.23	3,568,393	1.53
<b>D02</b>	Emollients and Protectives	26,434	0.25	94,144	0.04
<b>D03</b>	Preparations for Treatment of Wounds and Ulcers	382	0.00	44,619	0.02
<b>D04</b>	Antipruritics including Antihistamines, Anaesthetics, etc.	592	0.01	19,288	0.01
<b>D05</b>	Antipsoriatics	41,718	0.39	2,706,234	1.16
<b>D06</b>	Antibiotics and Chemotherapeutics for Dermatological Use	38,091	0.36	498,164	0.21
<b>D07</b>	Corticosteroids Dermatological Preparations	153,326	1.45	856,332	0.37
<b>D08</b>	Antiseptics and Disinfectants	4	0.00	12	0.00
<b>D10</b>	Anti-Acne Preparations	43,733	0.41	1,484,254	0.64
<b>D11</b>	Other Dermatological Preparations	13,653	0.13	981,707	0.42



**Table 20.1 DP: Distribution of Medicines and Appliances by Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical Classification continued**

<b>ATC Class</b>	<b>Product Category</b>	<b>Prescribing Frequency</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>	<b>Ingredient Cost €</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>Genito Urinary System and Sex Hormones</b>	<b>523,913</b>	<b>4.95</b>	<b>16,348,331</b>	<b>7.01</b>
<b>G01</b>	Gynecological Anti-infectives and Antiseptics	8,244	0.08	46,282	0.02
<b>G02</b>	Other Gynecologicals	15,885	0.15	1,676,715	0.72
<b>G03</b>	Sex Hormones and Modulators of the Genital System	361,674	3.42	9,719,777	4.17
<b>G04</b>	Urologicals	138,110	1.30	4,905,557	2.10
<b>H</b>	<b>Systemic Hormonal Preparations, Excl. Sex Hormones and Insulins</b>	<b>360,969</b>	<b>3.41</b>	<b>1,247,425</b>	<b>0.54</b>
<b>H01</b>	Pituitary, Hypothalamic Hormones and Analogues	7,078	0.07	424,607	0.18
<b>H02</b>	Corticosteroids for Systemic Use	146,390	1.38	339,643	0.15
<b>H03</b>	Thyroid Therapy	207,294	1.96	475,849	0.21
<b>H04</b>	Pancreatic Hormones	139	0.00	4,341	0.00
<b>H05</b>	Calcium Homeostasis	68	0.00	2,985	0.00
<b>J</b>	<b>Anti-infectives for Systemic Use</b>	<b>680,997</b>	<b>6.44</b>	<b>10,725,088</b>	<b>4.60</b>
<b>J01</b>	Antibacterials for Systemic Use	626,550	5.92	7,669,191	3.29
<b>J02</b>	Antimycotics for Systemic Use	33,900	0.32	1,009,880	0.43
<b>J04</b>	Antimycobacterials	1,760	0.02	49,237	0.02
<b>J05</b>	Antivirals for Systemic Use	18,673	0.18	1,995,710	0.86
<b>J07</b>	Vaccines	114	0.00	1,070	0.00
<b>L</b>	<b>Antineoplastic and Immunomodulating Agents</b>	<b>85,935</b>	<b>0.81</b>	<b>3,336,871</b>	<b>1.43</b>
<b>L01</b>	Antineoplastic Agents	4,116	0.04	103,697	0.04
<b>L02</b>	Endocrine Therapy	22,807	0.21	1,724,825	0.74
<b>L04</b>	Immunosuppressive Agents	59,012	0.56	1,508,349	0.65

**Table 20.1 DP: Distribution of Medicines and Appliances by Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical Classification continued**

<b>ATC Class</b>	<b>Product Category</b>	<b>Prescribing Frequency</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>	<b>Ingredient Cost €</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>
<b>M</b>	<b>Musculo-Skeletal System</b>	<b>782,552</b>	<b>7.40</b>	<b>14,905,268</b>	<b>6.39</b>
<b>M01</b>	Anti-inflammatory and Antirheumatic Products	516,973	4.89	8,740,029	3.75
<b>M02</b>	Topical Products for Joint and Muscular Pain	75,379	0.71	594,883	0.25
<b>M03</b>	Muscle Relaxants	3,978	0.04	134,891	0.06
<b>M04</b>	Antigout Preparations	49,421	0.47	409,561	0.18
<b>M05</b>	Drugs for treatment of Bone Diseases	136,547	1.29	4,991,118	2.14
<b>M09</b>	Other Drugs for Disorders of the Musculo-Skeletal System	254	0.00	34,786	0.01
<b>N</b>	<b>Nervous System</b>	<b>1,592,540</b>	<b>15.05</b>	<b>35,500,996</b>	<b>15.23</b>
<b>N01</b>	Anaesthetics	615	0.01	92,461	0.04
<b>N02</b>	Analgesics	352,887	3.33	5,003,955	2.15
<b>N03</b>	Anti-epileptics	95,811	0.91	3,616,254	1.55
<b>N04</b>	Anti-Parkinson Drugs	14,640	0.14	374,236	0.16
<b>N05</b>	Psycholeptics	583,584	5.51	8,409,569	3.61
<b>N06</b>	Psychoanaleptics	513,633	4.85	17,332,581	7.43
<b>N07</b>	Other Nervous System Drugs	31,370	0.30	671,940	0.29
<b>P</b>	<b>Antiparasitic Products, Insecticides and Repellents</b>	<b>24,895</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>320,006</b>	<b>0.14</b>
<b>P01</b>	Antiprotozoals	22,430	0.21	300,991	0.13
<b>P02</b>	Anthelmintics	1,011	0.01	4,000	0.00
<b>P03</b>	Ectoparasiticides, incl. Scabicides, Insecticides and Repellents	1,454	0.01	15,015	0.01

**Table 20.1 DP: Distribution of Medicines and Appliances by Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical Classification continued**

<b>ATC Class</b>	<b>Product Category</b>	<b>Prescribing Frequency</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>	<b>Ingredient Cost €</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>
<b>R</b>	<b>Respiratory System</b>	<b>1,086,842</b>	<b>10.27</b>	<b>27,206,227</b>	<b>11.67</b>
<b>R01</b>	Nasal Preparations	131,181	1.24	1,751,043	0.75
<b>R02</b>	Throat Preparations	2,575	0.03	5,792	0.00
<b>R03</b>	Drugs for Obstructive Airway Diseases	795,004	7.51	24,080,005	10.33
<b>R05</b>	Cough and Cold Preparations	53,210	0.50	295,327	0.13
<b>R06</b>	Antihistamines for Systemic Use	104,804	0.99	1,072,590	0.46
<b>R07</b>	Other Respiratory System Products	68	0.00	1,470	0.00
<b>S</b>	<b>Sensory Organs</b>	<b>214,316</b>	<b>2.03</b>	<b>1,883,646</b>	<b>0.81</b>
<b>S01</b>	Ophthalmologicals	179,915	1.70	1,768,689	0.76
<b>S02</b>	Otologicals	14,120	0.14	66,533	0.03
<b>S03</b>	Ophthalmological and Otological Preparations	20,281	0.19	48,424	0.02
<b>V</b>	<b>Various</b>	<b>186,963</b>	<b>1.77</b>	<b>8,676,625</b>	<b>3.72</b>
<b>V03</b>	Other Therapeutic Products	1,531	0.01	255,103	0.11
<b>V04</b>	Diagnostic Products	12,285	0.12	452,432	0.19
<b>V06</b>	Clinical Nutritional Products	91,425	0.87	3,832,396	1.65
<b>V07</b>	All Other Non-Therapeutic Products:	81,722	0.77	4,136,694	1.77
	<i>Ostomy Appliances</i>	33,541	0.32	2,842,473	1.22
	<i>Needles/Syringes/Lancets</i>	16,399	0.15	77,274	0.03
	<i>Dressings</i>	9,727	0.09	288,940	0.12
	<i>Urinary Appliances</i>	7,704	0.07	812,093	0.35
	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	14,351	0.14	115,914	0.05
<b>Total</b>		<b>10,581,689</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>€233,161,506</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Table 20.2 LTI: Distribution of Medicines and Appliances by Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical Classification**

<b>ATC Class</b>	<b>Product Category</b>	<b>Prescribing Frequency</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>	<b>Ingredient Cost €</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Alimentary Tract and Metabolism</b>	<b>512,930</b>	<b>26.59</b>	<b>15,730,309</b>	<b>27.17</b>
<b>A01</b>	Stomatological Preparations	729	0.04	3,369	0.01
<b>A02</b>	Drugs for Acid Related Disorders	12,885	0.67	546,482	0.94
<b>A03</b>	Drugs for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders	1,684	0.09	23,005	0.04
<b>A04</b>	Anti-emetics and Antinauseants	679	0.04	48,191	0.08
<b>A05</b>	Bile and Liver Therapy	750	0.04	42,384	0.07
<b>A06</b>	Laxatives	6,925	0.36	68,256	0.12
<b>A07</b>	Antidiarrheals, Intestinal Anti-inflammatory/Anti-infective Agents	945	0.05	25,039	0.04
<b>A08</b>	Anti-obesity Preparations excluding Diet Products	2,532	0.13	168,211	0.29
<b>A09</b>	Digestives, including Enzymes	8,032	0.41	901,117	1.56
<b>A10</b>	Drugs used in Diabetes	458,146	23.75	13,411,094	23.17
<b>A11</b>	Vitamins	14,710	0.76	246,559	0.43
<b>A12</b>	Mineral Supplements	3,365	0.17	31,830	0.05
<b>A13</b>	Tonics	24	0.00	261	0.00
<b>A14</b>	Anabolic Agents for Systemic Use	2	0.00	182	0.00
<b>A16</b>	Other Alimentary Tract and Metabolism Products	1,522	0.08	214,329	0.37
<b>B</b>	<b>Blood and Blood Forming Organs</b>	<b>173,408</b>	<b>8.99</b>	<b>981,147</b>	<b>1.69</b>
<b>B01</b>	Antithrombotic Agents	161,274	8.36	935,669	1.61
<b>B02</b>	Antihemorrhagics	245	0.01	3,065	0.01
<b>B03</b>	Anti-anemic Preparations	11,534	0.60	24,927	0.04
<b>B05</b>	Blood Substitutes and Perfusion Solutions	355	0.02	17,486	0.03

**Table 20.2 LTI: Distribution of Medicines and Appliances by Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical Classification continued**

<b>ATC Class</b>	<b>Product Category</b>	<b>Prescribing Frequency</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>	<b>Ingredient Cost €</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Cardiovascular System</b>	<b>508,801</b>	<b>26.37</b>	<b>12,512,986</b>	<b>21.62</b>
<b>C01</b>	Cardiac Therapy	10,277	0.53	115,141	0.20
<b>C02</b>	Antihypertensives	19,262	1.00	665,768	1.15
<b>C03</b>	Diuretics	34,763	1.80	129,958	0.22
<b>C04</b>	Peripheral Vasodilators	654	0.03	13,712	0.02
<b>C05</b>	Vasoprotectives	217	0.01	1,301	0.00
<b>C07</b>	Beta Blocking Agents	59,987	3.11	543,686	0.94
<b>C08</b>	Calcium Channel Blockers	42,033	2.18	836,551	1.45
<b>C09</b>	Agents Acting on the Renin-Angiotensin System	175,156	9.08	3,696,145	6.39
<b>C10</b>	Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	166,452	8.63	6,510,724	11.25
<b>D</b>	<b>Dermatologicals</b>	<b>7,092</b>	<b>0.37</b>	<b>76,337</b>	<b>0.13</b>
<b>D01</b>	Antifungals for Dermatological Use	2,036	0.11	29,695	0.05
<b>D02</b>	Emollients and Protectives	1,651	0.09	9,897	0.02
<b>D03</b>	Preparations for Treatment of Wounds and Ulcers	25	0.00	724	0.00
<b>D04</b>	Antipruritics including Antihistamines, Anaesthetics, etc.	120	0.01	2,284	0.00
<b>D05</b>	Antipsoriatics	262	0.01	13,408	0.02
<b>D06</b>	Antibiotics and Chemotherapeutics for Dermatological Use	497	0.03	3,608	0.01
<b>D07</b>	Corticosteroids, Dermatological Preparations	1,509	0.08	7,566	0.01
<b>D08</b>	Antiseptics and Disinfectants	425	0.02	3,664	0.01
<b>D10</b>	Anti-Acne Preparations	106	0.00	1,486	0.00
<b>D11</b>	Other Dermatological Preparations	461	0.02	4,005	0.01
<b>G</b>	<b>Genito Urinary System and Sex Hormones</b>	<b>17,477</b>	<b>0.91</b>	<b>574,950</b>	<b>0.99</b>
<b>G01</b>	Gynecological Anti-infectives and Antiseptics	148	0.01	15,877	0.03
<b>G02</b>	Other Gynecologicals	86	0.01	9,918	0.01
<b>G03</b>	Sex Hormones and Modulators of the Genital System	2,107	0.11	28,378	0.05
<b>G04</b>	Urologicals	15,136	0.78	520,777	0.90

**Table 20.2 LTI: Distribution of Medicines and Appliances by Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical Classification continued**

<b>ATC Class</b>	<b>Product Category</b>	<b>Prescribing Frequency</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>	<b>Ingredient Cost €</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>
<b>H</b>	<b>Systemic Hormonal Preparations, Excl. Sex Hormones and Insulins</b>	<b>23,524</b>	<b>1.22</b>	<b>380,415</b>	<b>0.66</b>
<b>H01</b>	Pituitary, Hypothalamic Hormones and Analogues	1,856	0.10	130,457	0.23
<b>H02</b>	Corticosteroids for Systemic Use	3,683	0.19	21,659	0.04
<b>H03</b>	Thyroid Therapy	11,298	0.59	27,775	0.05
<b>H04</b>	Pancreatic Hormones	6,670	0.34	198,380	0.34
<b>H05</b>	Calcium Homeostasis	17	0.00	2,144	0.00
<b>J</b>	<b>Anti-infectives for Systemic Use</b>	<b>20,099</b>	<b>1.04</b>	<b>1,070,028</b>	<b>1.85</b>
<b>J01</b>	Antibacterials for Systemic Use	19,095	0.99	999,400	1.73
<b>J02</b>	Antimycotics for Systemic Use	571	0.03	23,896	0.04
<b>J04</b>	Antimycobacterials	152	0.01	6,107	0.01
<b>J05</b>	Antivirals for Systemic Use	236	0.01	21,952	0.04
<b>J06</b>	Immune Sera and Immunoglobulins	4	0.00	17,944	0.03
<b>J07</b>	Vaccines	41	0.00	729	0.00
<b>L</b>	<b>Antineoplastic and Immunomodulating Agents</b>	<b>1,571</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>55,044</b>	<b>0.10</b>
<b>L01</b>	Antineoplastic Agents	421	0.02	22,841	0.04
<b>L02</b>	Endocrine Therapy	165	0.01	9,727	0.02
<b>L04</b>	Immunosuppressive Agents	985	0.05	22,476	0.04

**Table 20.2 LTI: Distribution of Medicines and Appliances by Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical Classification continued**

<b>ATC Class</b>	<b>Product Category</b>	<b>Prescribing Frequency</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>	<b>Ingredient Cost €</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>
<b>M</b>	<b>Musculo-Skeletal System</b>	<b>15,292</b>	<b>0.79</b>	<b>388,456</b>	<b>0.67</b>
<b>M01</b>	Anti-inflammatory and Antirheumatic Products	5,480	0.28	82,738	0.14
<b>M02</b>	Topical Products for Joint and Muscular Pain	580	0.03	5,742	0.01
<b>M03</b>	Muscle Relaxants	5,283	0.27	221,075	0.38
<b>M04</b>	Antigout Preparations	1,893	0.10	15,587	0.03
<b>M05</b>	Drugs for treatment of Bone Diseases	1,667	0.09	61,508	0.11
<b>M09</b>	Other Drugs for Disorders of the Musculo-Skeletal System	389	0.02	1,806	0.00
<b>N</b>	<b>Nervous System</b>	<b>252,911</b>	<b>13.11</b>	<b>8,719,718</b>	<b>15.06</b>
<b>N01</b>	Anaesthetics	250	0.01	7,352	0.01
<b>N02</b>	Analgesics	11,185	0.58	92,445	0.16
<b>N03</b>	Anti-epileptics	189,479	9.82	5,805,646	10.03
<b>N04</b>	Anti-Parkinson Drugs	22,451	1.16	1,934,604	3.34
<b>N05</b>	Psycholeptics	16,125	0.84	295,885	0.51
<b>N06</b>	Psychoanaleptics	12,348	0.64	540,731	0.93
<b>N07</b>	Other Nervous System Drugs	1,073	0.06	43,054	0.07
<b>P</b>	<b>Antiparasitic Products, Insecticides and Repellents</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>1,654</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>P01</b>	Antiprotozoals	129	0.01	1,455	0.00
<b>P02</b>	Anthelmintics	14	0.00	80	0.00
<b>P03</b>	Ectoparasiticides, incl. Scabicides, Insecticides and Repellents	10	0.00	119	0.00

**Table 20.2 LTI: Distribution of Medicines and Appliances by Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical Classification continued**

<b>ATC Class</b>	<b>Product Category</b>	<b>Prescribing Frequency</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>	<b>Ingredient Cost €</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>
<b>R</b>	<b>Respiratory System</b>	<b>13,686</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>324,411</b>	<b>0.56</b>
<b>R01</b>	Nasal Preparations	1,517	0.08	21,003	0.04
<b>R02</b>	Throat Preparations	27	0.00	157	0.00
<b>R03</b>	Drugs for Obstructive Airway Diseases	9,775	0.50	284,282	0.49
<b>R05</b>	Cough and Cold Preparations	873	0.05	5,813	0.01
<b>R06</b>	Antihistamines for Systemic Use	1,494	0.08	13,156	0.02
<b>S</b>	<b>Sensory Organs</b>	<b>5,832</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>78,765</b>	<b>0.14</b>
<b>S01</b>	Ophthalmologicals	5,481	0.28	77,432	0.14
<b>S02</b>	Otologicals	163	0.01	848	0.00
<b>S03</b>	Ophthalmological and Otological Preparations	188	0.01	485	0.00
<b>V</b>	<b>Various</b>	<b>376,335</b>	<b>19.51</b>	<b>16,993,492</b>	<b>29.36</b>
<b>V03</b>	Other Therapeutic Products	222	0.01	33,267	0.06
<b>V04</b>	Diagnostic Products	222,207	11.52	10,801,528	18.66
<b>V06</b>	Clinical Nutritional Products	28,506	1.48	3,131,225	5.41
<b>V07</b>	All Other Non-Therapeutic Products:	125,400	6.50	3,027,472	5.23
	<i>Needles/Syringes/Lancets/Swabs</i>	<i>108,568</i>	<i>5.63</i>	<i>1,843,046</i>	<i>3.19</i>
	<i>Dressings</i>	<i>2,218</i>	<i>0.11</i>	<i>69,048</i>	<i>0.12</i>
	<i>Urinary Appliances</i>	<i>4,983</i>	<i>0.26</i>	<i>491,615</i>	<i>0.85</i>
	<i>Nutritional/Ancillary Devices</i>	<i>2,501</i>	<i>0.13</i>	<i>371,807</i>	<i>0.64</i>
	<i>Ostomy Appliances</i>	<i>1,073</i>	<i>0.06</i>	<i>105,738</i>	<i>0.18</i>
	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<i>6,057</i>	<i>0.31</i>	<i>146,218</i>	<i>0.25</i>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,929,111</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>€57,887,712</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



**Table 21 GMS: Average Payment to Doctors in Panel Ranges**

Health Service Executive	Average Panel Ranges in 2005													
	0-100 €		101-250 €		251-500 €		501-1,000 €		1,001-1,500 €		1,501-2,000 €		2,001 and Over €	
East Coast Area	24,132	(22)	83,213	(37)	159,768	(49)	259,741	(61)	381,048	(3)	-	-	-	-
South Western Area	22,295	(28)	57,500	(34)	129,070	(46)	227,766	(81)	316,294	(42)	392,451	(4)	459,056	(3)
Northern Area	26,625	(13)	69,073	(22)	133,552	(42)	225,660	(71)	337,143	(28)	416,438	(10)	569,490	(1)
Midland	72,512	(6)	61,931	(7)	140,738	(22)	270,116	(47)	340,191	(20)	-	-	-	-
Mid-Western	12,363	(10)	77,161	(27)	144,921	(33)	233,721	(75)	355,889	(18)	338,187	(4)	-	-
North Eastern	35,133	(6)	57,615	(18)	110,493	(30)	223,455	(81)	321,353	(19)	426,855	(1)	-	-
North Western	33,874	(7)	62,494	(10)	153,336	(21)	238,801	(47)	348,807	(36)	455,707	(7)	-	-
South Eastern	9,157	(7)	70,033	(19)	152,170	(39)	252,908	(112)	353,367	(28)	491,889	(5)	-	-
Southern	25,508	(30)	66,723	(45)	144,998	(79)	249,327	(136)	353,422	(30)	549,759	(2)	434,053	(1)
Western	22,441	(13)	64,151	(29)	125,019	(55)	263,759	(101)	366,360	(28)	499,295	(1)	-	-
<b>National 2005</b>	<b>€25,556</b>	<b>(142)</b>	<b>€68,250</b>	<b>(248)</b>	<b>€139,553</b>	<b>(416)</b>	<b>€244,750</b>	<b>(812)</b>	<b>€343,234</b>	<b>(252)</b>	<b>€434,176</b>	<b>(34)</b>	<b>€476,142</b>	<b>(5)</b>
National 2004	€26,911	(159)	€57,689	(228)	€110,548	(388)	€185,932	(783)	€267,713	(262)	€334,930	(32)	€357,897	(5)

Note: (i) Doctors not in the GMS Scheme for the full year have been excluded from the above table.

(ii) The number of Doctors in each range is shown in brackets.

(iii) The average payment to Doctors in each panel range is the gross payments divided by the number of Doctors in that range.

(iv) Doctors payment is exclusive of superannuation paid to retired DMOs.

**Table 21.1 GMS: Number of Doctors in Payment Ranges**

2005 (2004 in brackets)

Health Service Executive	Up to €30,000	€30,001 - €60,000	€60,001 - €90,000	€90,001- €120,000	€120,001 - €150,000	€150,001- €180,000	€180,001- €210,000	€210,001- €240,000	€240,001- €270,000	€270,001- €370,000	€370,001- €470,000	€470,001 and Over
East Coast Area	19 (20)	13 (24)	23 (26)	17 (14)	14 (21)	15 (15)	11 (17)	13 (14)	10 (9)	31 (7)	5 (1)	1 (-)
South Western Area	29 (27)	20 (26)	18 (25)	15 (29)	23 (26)	23 (25)	13 (23)	19 (14)	19 (15)	41 (21)	15 (2)	3 (1)
Northern Area	10 (11)	13 (20)	19 (14)	15 (32)	17 (15)	13 (27)	16 (19)	22 (11)	13 (12)	32 (14)	11 (5)	6 (2)
Midland	6 (5)	4 (7)	4 (7)	4 (7)	4 (10)	10 (13)	10 (16)	8 (17)	10 (8)	32 (14)	10 (-)	- (-)
Mid-Western	15 (7)	8 (13)	9 (16)	12 (20)	17 (28)	21 (16)	14 (17)	13 (17)	18 (10)	30 (13)	8 (1)	2 (-)
North Eastern	6 (8)	16 (14)	16 (11)	6 (18)	15 (15)	8 (24)	16 (19)	24 (20)	14 (8)	27 (11)	6 (-)	1 (-)
North Western	6 (6)	5 (6)	6 (12)	8 (8)	8 (7)	8 (14)	9 (13)	10 (19)	13 (11)	35 (21)	15 (3)	5 (-)
South Eastern	8 (5)	9 (15)	8 (11)	12 (20)	14 (29)	19 (28)	19 (29)	21 (24)	28 (20)	51 (20)	16 (2)	5 (-)
Southern	25 (34)	20 (27)	32 (33)	25 (38)	23 (41)	34 (32)	30 (39)	24 (30)	36 (19)	53 (21)	15 (4)	6 (-)
Western	15 (14)	18 (28)	21 (23)	18 (20)	16 (19)	8 (24)	22 (25)	23 (19)	18 (20)	43 (28)	18 (2)	7 (-)
<b>National</b>	<b>139 (137)</b>	<b>126 (180)</b>	<b>156 (178)</b>	<b>132 (206)</b>	<b>151 (211)</b>	<b>159 (218)</b>	<b>160 (217)</b>	<b>177 (185)</b>	<b>179 (132)</b>	<b>375 (170)</b>	<b>119 (20)</b>	<b>36 (3)</b>

Note: (i) Doctors not in the GMS Scheme for the full year have been excluded from the above table.

(ii) Above table relates to the payments listed in Table 3 and includes the arrears paid resulting from the implementation of the 2005 LRC Agreement.

(iii) Doctors payment is exclusive of superannuation paid to retired DMOs.

**Table 22 GMS: Number of Pharmacists in Dispensing Fee Ranges**

2005 (2004 in brackets)

Health Service Executive	Up to €20,000	€20,001-€40,000	€40,001-€60,000	€60,001-€80,000	€80,001-€100,000	€100,001-€120,000	€120,001-€140,000	€140,001-€160,000	€160,001-€180,000	€180,001-€200,000	€200,001-€220,000	€220,001-€240,000	€240,001 and over
East Coast Area	5 (6)	13 (6)	17 (9)	19 (13)	10 (12)	11 (15)	9 (7)	3 (7)	6 (5)	4 (7)	2 (2)	3 (3)	2 (6)
South Western Area	17 (17)	22 (16)	16 (17)	26 (24)	20 (15)	11 (14)	14 (14)	8 (10)	8 (7)	9 (7)	5 (9)	4 (5)	3 (5)
Northern Area	12 (9)	9 (8)	19 (16)	21 (17)	21 (16)	19 (14)	5 (17)	9 (7)	3 (7)	7 (6)	1 (6)	5 (3)	10 (10)
Midland	2 (1)	5 (5)	4 (3)	4 (3)	3 (4)	8 (14)	10 (10)	10 (7)	6 (5)	3 (4)	3 (1)	3 (5)	4 (4)
Mid-Western	2 (2)	12 (11)	13 (11)	15 (13)	18 (12)	10 (17)	19 (10)	9 (7)	9 (8)	6 (4)	2 (3)	1 (1)	5 (3)
North Eastern	2 (4)	8 (7)	7 (6)	15 (10)	14 (17)	15 (10)	12 (13)	10 (13)	4 (6)	4 (3)	5 (3)	- (2)	5 (3)
North Western	4 (3)	2 (4)	6 (4)	11 (9)	9 (11)	7 (7)	5 (6)	6 (4)	3 (4)	5 (4)	2 (4)	3 (5)	8 (4)
South Eastern	6 (6)	5 (4)	7 (7)	16 (10)	13 (13)	16 (15)	19 (16)	8 (13)	12 (9)	8 (9)	4 (4)	4 (4)	13 (8)
Southern	7 (9)	13 (8)	18 (23)	34 (32)	21 (20)	26 (22)	21 (17)	15 (14)	11 (8)	13 (8)	4 (7)	1 (5)	11 (7)
Western	5 (2)	11 (10)	9 (10)	14 (18)	20 (16)	12 (11)	12 (13)	7 (7)	10 (6)	9 (7)	6 (9)	4 (3)	7 (5)
<b>National</b>	<b>62 (59)</b>	<b>100 (79)</b>	<b>116 (106)</b>	<b>175 (149)</b>	<b>149 (136)</b>	<b>135 (139)</b>	<b>126 (123)</b>	<b>85 (89)</b>	<b>72 (65)</b>	<b>68 (59)</b>	<b>34 (48)</b>	<b>28 (36)</b>	<b>68 (55)</b>

Note: Pharmacies that left or entered the Scheme during the year are not included in the above table.

**Table 23 DP: Number of Eligible Persons and Number and Cost of Pharmacists Claims**

Health Service Executive	*Number of Persons Covered	Unique Number of Claimants	Number of Items	Cost per Item €	Gross Cost €	Net Cost per Claimant €	Paid by HSE €
Eastern Areas	508,193	185,601	4,135,027	37.67	155,770,918	541.26	100,457,911
Midland	91,933	32,843	648,992	34.83	22,603,132	429.47	14,105,133
Mid-Western	153,566	48,756	933,744	35.79	33,418,037	425.10	20,726,149
North Eastern	130,931	49,791	946,459	35.18	33,293,072	413.02	20,564,876
North Western	64,325	19,026	365,789	36.77	13,448,480	442.68	8,422,499
South Eastern	151,560	54,692	1,122,397	34.82	39,080,695	438.76	23,996,493
Southern	248,023	89,438	1,622,359	37.06	60,132,189	417.85	37,371,322
Western	130,119	45,905	806,922	37.52	30,274,554	410.45	18,841,555
<b>National 2005</b>	<b>1,478,650</b>	<b>526,052</b>	<b>10,581,689</b>	<b>€36.67</b>	<b>€388,021,077</b>	<b>€464.76</b>	<b>€244,485,938</b>
National 2004	1,469,251	499,664	9,932,634	€35.35	€351,144,311	€448.22	€223,958,892

Note: \*As at 31st December 2005.

**Table 23.1 DP: Number of Pharmacists in Dispensing Fee/Mark-Up Ranges**

2005 (2004 in brackets)

Health Service Executive	Up to €20,000	€20,001 - €40,000	€40,001- €60,000	€60,001- €80,000	€80,001- €100,000	€100,001- €120,000	€120,001- €140,000	€140,001- €160,000	€160,001- €180,000	€180,001- €200,000	€200,001- €220,000	€220,001- €240,000	€240,001 and over
East Coast Area	9 (6)	12 (18)	26 (21)	12 (17)	20 (15)	8 (9)	7 (4)	4 (1)	1 (1)	- (3)	5 (2)	- (1)	1 (-)
South Western Area	21 (20)	32 (27)	23 (31)	25 (22)	12 (16)	11 (10)	6 (7)	12 (9)	10 (9)	3 (3)	2 (1)	-	7 (6)
Northern Area	17 (14)	25 (25)	17 (20)	23 (22)	9 (9)	20 (17)	10 (6)	3 (7)	2 (6)	6 (6)	5 (-)	2 (3)	4 (3)
Midland	4 (6)	13 (12)	13 (15)	10 (13)	8 (6)	7 (8)	5 (4)	2 (-)	- (1)	2 (1)	1 (-)	-	-
Mid-Western	14 (12)	29 (26)	23 (27)	25 (14)	14 (7)	5 (8)	4 (3)	3 (1)	3 (3)	-	1 (1)	-	-
North Eastern	8 (10)	29 (30)	20 (20)	15 (11)	6 (7)	10 (7)	3 (6)	5 (4)	3 (2)	1 (1)	1 (-)	-	1 (-)
North Western	15 (20)	22 (18)	15 (14)	8 (8)	4 (3)	2 (3)	2 (-)	- (1)	-	1 (1)	-	-	-
South Eastern	15 (11)	27 (28)	31 (29)	20 (24)	14 (8)	11 (8)	8 (7)	2 (1)	-	-	-	2 (1)	-
Southern	14 (19)	53 (58)	42 (35)	39 (30)	14 (10)	13 (10)	8 (7)	3 (4)	3 (1)	2 (4)	2 (1)	2 (1)	1 (1)
Western	28 (26)	30 (35)	23 (21)	16 (16)	10 (10)	10 (5)	5 (3)	2 (1)	1 (1)	1 (-)	-	-	-
<b>National</b>	<b>145 (144)</b>	<b>272 (277)</b>	<b>233 (233)</b>	<b>193 (177)</b>	<b>111 (91)</b>	<b>97 (85)</b>	<b>58 (47)</b>	<b>36 (29)</b>	<b>23 (24)</b>	<b>16 (19)</b>	<b>17 (5)</b>	<b>6 (6)</b>	<b>14 (10)</b>

Note: (i) Pharmacies that entered or left the Scheme during the year are not included in the above table.

(ii) The above figures do not include the monthly co-payment of €85 payable to the Pharmacy by an individual or family.

**Table 24 LTI: Number of Eligible Persons and Number and Cost of Pharmacists Claims**

<b>Health Service Executive</b>	<b>*Number of Eligible Persons</b>	<b>Unique Number of Claimants</b>	<b>Number of Items</b>	<b>Cost per Item €</b>	<b>Total Cost €</b>	<b>Cost per Claimant €</b>
Eastern Areas	52,044	22,520	844,661	53.35	45,061,181	2,000.94
Midland	5,410	3,081	113,245	52.45	5,940,055	1,927.96
Mid-Western	7,001	4,063	139,286	47.08	6,557,278	1,613.90
North Eastern	7,888	4,755	170,743	52.29	8,928,228	1,877.65
North Western	5,492	3,023	106,485	51.98	5,534,647	1,830.85
South Eastern	9,936	5,576	205,637	49.93	10,267,489	1,841.37
Southern	6,852	6,253	225,390	51.46	11,597,622	1,854.73
Western	4,657	3,735	123,664	53.86	6,660,143	1,783.17
<b>National 2005</b>	<b>99,280</b>	<b>53,006</b>	<b>1,929,111</b>	<b>€52.12</b>	<b>€100,546,643</b>	<b>€1,896.89</b>
National 2004	93,504	50,526	1,674,707	€51.08	€85,551,069	€1,693.21

Note: \*As at 31st December 2005.

**Table 24.1 LTI: Number of Pharmacists in Dispensing Fee/Mark-Up Ranges**

2005 (2004 in brackets)

<b>Health Service Executive</b>	<b>Up to €10,000</b>	<b>€10,001 - €20,000</b>	<b>€20,001- €30,000</b>	<b>€30,001- €40,000</b>	<b>€40,001- €50,000</b>	<b>€50,001 - €60,000</b>	<b>€60,001 and over</b>
East Coast Area	12 (12)	25 (26)	18 (21)	13 (10)	14 (14)	7 (4)	16 (11)
South Western Area	22 (21)	39 (45)	24 (26)	23 (22)	20 (18)	11 (9)	24 (19)
Northern Area	21 (17)	22 (27)	28 (31)	21 (24)	21 (15)	12 (11)	16 (11)
Midland	11 (11)	13 (17)	12 (17)	14 (11)	7 (7)	4 (1)	4 (2)
Mid-Western	35 (37)	47 (37)	23 (15)	7 (8)	4 (1)	1 (3)	4 (1)
North Eastern	18 (23)	27 (34)	18 (13)	20 (11)	6 (10)	5 (3)	7 (3)
North Western	12 (17)	15 (17)	17 (17)	13 (7)	3 (6)	6 (-)	2 (2)
South Eastern	24 (25)	36 (35)	33 (33)	19 (11)	8 (9)	6 (-)	4 (4)
Southern	51 (60)	71 (65)	37 (31)	19 (14)	9 (7)	5 (2)	2 (1)
Western	44 (41)	39 (45)	21 (17)	15 (11)	3 (1)	1 (1)	2 (1)
<b>National</b>	<b>250 (264)</b>	<b>334 (348)</b>	<b>231 (221)</b>	<b>164 (129)</b>	<b>95 (88)</b>	<b>58 (34)</b>	<b>81 (55)</b>

Note: Pharmacies that entered or left the Scheme during the year are not included in the above table.

**Table 25 EEA: Number and Cost of Pharmacists Claims**

<b>Health Service Executive</b>	<b>Number of Items</b>	<b>Cost per Item €</b>	<b>Total Cost €</b>
East Coast Area	3,119	20.61	64,303
South Western Area	4,742	23.68	112,307
Northern Area	2,773	22.42	62,192
Midland	3,394	22.84	77,502
Mid-Western	8,146	22.67	184,670
North Eastern	4,953	24.16	119,683
North Western	11,233	22.25	249,913
South Eastern	9,881	24.09	237,992
Southern	19,021	22.75	432,790
Western	14,703	23.01	338,257
<b>National 2005</b>	<b>81,965</b>	<b>€22.93</b>	<b>€1,879,609</b>
National 2004	80,530	€22.25	€1,791,527



**Table 26 DTS: Number of Treatments**

<b>Health Service Executive</b>	<b>Above the Line</b>	<b>Below the Line</b>	<b>Total</b>
Eastern Areas	264,154	26,094	290,248
Midland	51,924	6,728	58,652
Mid-Western	82,458	10,833	93,291
North Eastern	77,217	9,795	87,012
North Western	75,373	5,329	80,702
South Eastern	115,584	14,822	130,406
Southern	178,104	17,445	195,549
Western	118,122	15,420	133,542
<b>National 2005</b>	<b>962,936</b>	<b>106,466</b>	<b>1,069,402</b>
National 2004	968,665	104,850	1,073,515

**Table 26.1 DTS: Number of Dentists in Payment Ranges**

2005 (2004 in brackets)

Health Service Executive	Up to €10,000	€10,001-€20,000	€20,001-€30,000	€30,001-€40,000	€40,001-€50,000	€50,001-€60,000	€60,001-€70,000	€70,001-€80,000	€80,001-€90,000	€90,001-€100,000	€100,001-€110,000	€110,001-€120,000	€120,001 and over
Eastern Areas	43 (34)	39 (43)	40 (32)	28 (28)	17 (28)	18 (21)	15 (19)	21 (16)	14 (12)	11 (8)	10 (9)	4 (4)	17 (12)
Midland	4 (5)	4 (3)	4 (4)	1 (4)	6 (4)	4 (3)	5 (5)	4 (6)	2 (5)	2 (2)	4 (2)	3 (1)	3 (1)
Mid-Western	5 (4)	7 (9)	8 (10)	10 (8)	11 (11)	12 (5)	4 (6)	4 (2)	2 (-)	2 (2)	1 (2)	1 (3)	9 (9)
North Eastern	13 (18)	4 (9)	8 (12)	10 (6)	9 (4)	8 (6)	5 (3)	8 (8)	3 (6)	6 (7)	4 (2)	- (1)	3 (1)
North Western	3 (-)	- (1)	3 (3)	3 (4)	3 (8)	4 (1)	3 (1)	2 (4)	5 (4)	2 (-)	2 (1)	2 (4)	9 (6)
South Eastern	9 (6)	5 (6)	3 (11)	14 (9)	11 (14)	12 (10)	10 (8)	5 (8)	7 (8)	8 (3)	3 (2)	2 (4)	8 (5)
Southern	19 (23)	27 (33)	37 (28)	26 (28)	25 (20)	10 (18)	21 (17)	14 (10)	3 (6)	11 (3)	8 (3)	- (4)	9 (7)
Western	18 (25)	5 (3)	8 (10)	11 (7)	10 (11)	3 (8)	8 (8)	9 (7)	10 (9)	7 (3)	3 (4)	3 (4)	14 (12)
<b>National</b>	<b>114 (115)</b>	<b>91 (107)</b>	<b>111 (110)</b>	<b>103 (94)</b>	<b>92 (100)</b>	<b>71 (72)</b>	<b>71 (67)</b>	<b>67 (61)</b>	<b>46 (50)</b>	<b>49 (28)</b>	<b>35 (25)</b>	<b>15 (25)</b>	<b>72 (53)</b>

Note: Dentists who entered or left the Scheme during the year are not included in the above table.

**Table 27 HSE-COS: Number and Cost of Claims**

<b>Health Service Executive</b>	<b>Number of Treatments</b>	<b>Cost of Claims €</b>
Eastern Areas	123,221	4,771,686
Midland	26,141	1,075,739
Mid-Western	37,518	1,409,210
North Eastern	33,420	1,225,170
North Western	35,392	1,283,706
South Eastern	59,379	2,198,744
Southern	64,070	2,438,926
Western	38,392	1,430,759
<b>National 2005</b>	<b>417,533</b>	<b>€15,833,940</b>
National 2004	414,184	€16,273,620

Note: Optometrists/Ophthalmologists were also paid in respect of: Health (Amendment) Act 1996 €44,541; Optical services for Teenagers €83,210; Optical services for Children €1,038,488.

**Table 27.1 HSE-COS: Number of Optometrists/Ophthalmologists in Payment Ranges**

2005 (2004 in brackets)

Health Service Executive	Up to €10,000	€10,001-€20,000	€20,001-€30,000	€30,001-€40,000	€40,001-€50,000	€50,001-€60,000	€60,001-€70,000	€70,001-€80,000	€80,001-€90,000	€90,001-€100,000	€100,001-€110,000	€110,001-€120,000	€120,001 and over
Eastern Areas	48 (49)	34 (35)	11 (12)	13 (14)	8 (8)	5 (4)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	-	- (1)	2 (-)	1 (1)
Midland	12 (13)	6 (7)	3 (3)	6 (5)	3 (3)	1 (1)	-	- (1)	-	-	- (1)	- (-)	1 (-)
Mid-Western	13 (9)	6 (6)	3 (3)	1 (4)	2 (2)	-	-	-	1 (-)	- (1)	-	-	2 (2)
North Eastern	17 (14)	10 (6)	3 (7)	2 (3)	3 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Western	6 (3)	3 (2)	4 (5)	2 (2)	2 (3)	1 (1)	2 (2)	-	- (1)	1 (-)	-	-	-
South Eastern	15 (11)	6 (7)	4 (3)	3 (1)	5 (5)	6 (4)	2 (1)	1 (1)	1 (2)	1 (2)	1 (-)	- (1)	-
Southern	16 (16)	17 (9)	10 (13)	7 (7)	5 (2)	1 (5)	1 (-)	-	- (1)	-	-	1 (-)	1 (1)
Western	18 (15)	9 (8)	8 (5)	4 (8)	1 (-)	-	1 (1)	-	- (1)	1 (-)	-	- (1)	-
<b>National</b>	<b>145 (130)</b>	<b>91 (80)</b>	<b>46 (51)</b>	<b>38 (44)</b>	<b>29 (25)</b>	<b>15 (16)</b>	<b>8 (6)</b>	<b>2 (3)</b>	<b>3 (6)</b>	<b>3 (3)</b>	<b>1 (2)</b>	<b>3 (2)</b>	<b>5 (4)</b>

Note: Optometrists/Ophthalmologists who entered or left the Scheme during the year are not included in the above table.

**Table 28 GMS: Investment in General Practice Development**

<b>Health Service Executive</b>	<b>2005 €</b>	<b>2004 €</b>
Eastern Areas	1,999,647	4,914,331
Midland	262,648	674,723
Mid-Western	572,431	1,507,143
North Eastern	409,179	700,410
North Western	2,683,123	2,390,467
South Eastern	1,895,603	2,074,580
Southern	2,851,906	1,848,155
Western	1,258,308	1,681,815
<b>National</b>	<b>€11,932,845</b>	<b>€15,791,624</b>

*Note: The above are payments from the Indicative Drug Target Savings.*





