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## Introduction from the National Director of Finance

During 2006 the Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS) continued to support the single largest reform project undertaken in the State, offering an unparalleled opportunity to modernise and improve health service provision to the public in support of the Health Service Executive's overall strategy to make it easier for people to access appropriate healthcare services when and where they need them.

The PCRS supports the delivery of primary health care by providing reimbursement services to primary care contractors for the provision of health services to members of the public in their own community. Every year almost everybody in Ireland uses one or more of the services provided by the Health Service Executive (HSE). In 2006 over 2.26 million persons used the services of primary care contractors for which reimbursement was provided by the PCRS. In 2006 the PCRS processed in excess of 60 million transactions with associated expenditure of €2.1 billion. With the fastest growing population in the European Union, it is anticipated that expenditure will continue to grow.

In addition to the processing and making of payments on a national basis to key customers, including General Practitioners, Pharmacists, Dentists and Optometrists/Ophthalmologists, the PCRS compiles statistics and trend analyses which are provided to other areas within the HSE, the Government, customers, stakeholders and to members of the public.

Throughout 2006 we have continued to work with our customers to improve the provision of services by combining appropriate technology with a professional service and efficient delivery. The PCRS has rolled out a number of new initiatives, further building on the electronic transmission of contractor claims and systems to provide additional information and client eligibility services to primary care contractors and others.

During the year the PCRS continued to play an important role in supporting the management of the various schemes, which are becoming increasingly complex, and assisted in rolling out new initiatives to support both the modernisation and the transformation agendas of the HSE. This

Statistical Analysis Publication reflects the many and varied Schemes and Payment Systems currently in operation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody in the organisation for their important individual contribution and commitment, and their team efforts in the delivery of these vital support services, which ultimately enable members of the public to access the health services that they need in their own community. I would also like to acknowledge the contribution of my fellow Directors and the support of the HSE Board throughout 2006. Once again the goodwill and co-operation received from all of our customers, General Practitioners, Pharmacists, Dentists, Optometrists/Ophthalmologists is very much appreciated.

I look forward to continuing to build on our success and striving to improve the services to our customers even further.

**Liam Woods**

*National Director of Finance*

## 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 2006 were in excess of €2.07bn. Estimated payments by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service for 2007 are €2.26bn.

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)**

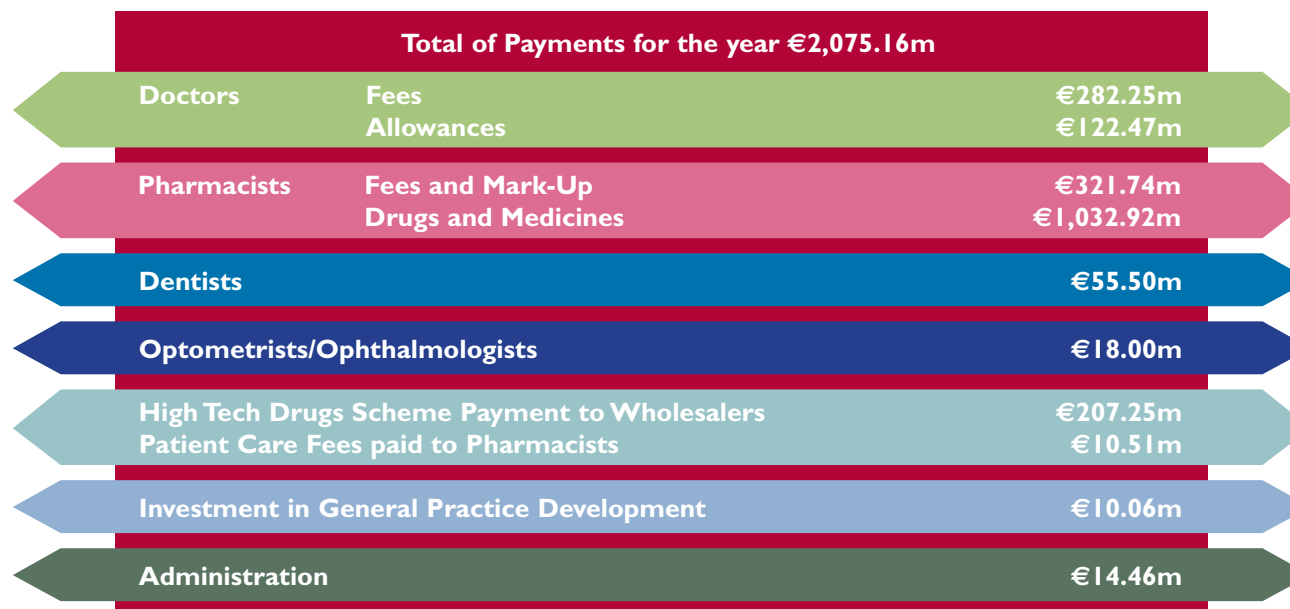
Certain people in Ireland who do not qualify for a medical card may apply to the Health Service Executive for a GP Visit Card. GP Visit Cards allow individuals and families who qualify, to visit their General Practitioner for free. All GP claims are processed and paid by the Primary Care Reimbursement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



## Summary Statement of Activity During the Year

- Payments in the Year were in excess of €2,075.16m.
- 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 2.91m 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 5,811 Doctors, Pharmacists, Dentists and Optometrists/Ophthalmologists.
- More than 55m prescription items were paid for by the PCRS - an increase of over 4.7m items on 2005.
- Fees and allowances paid to Doctors totalled €404.72m.
- Payments to Pharmacies totalled €1,365.17m:
  - GMS €940.22m;
  - DP €285.79m;
  - LTI €115.46m;
  - EEA €2.11m;
  - Patient Care Fees under the HTD Scheme €10.51m;
  - The Health (Amendment) Act 1996, Methadone Treatment Scheme, DTS prescriptions and Pharmacy Training Grants €11.08m.
- Payments to Dentists under the DTS totalled €55.50m.
- Payments to Optometrists/Ophthalmologists under the HSE-COS totalled €18m.
- Payments to Wholesalers under the HTD Scheme totalled €207.25m.
- Administration costs in the accounting period of 2006 were €14.46m.
- Claims processed are in respect of services provided in the community and availed of by almost 53.41% of the population.

## The Year 2006



- Fees to Doctors include an amount of €7.01m in respect of the Primary Childhood Immunisation Scheme, €0.22m in respect of the Health (Amendment) Act 1996, €4.88m in respect of the Methadone Treatment Scheme.
- Allowances paid to Doctors include an amount of €6.38m paid as superannuation to Retired District Medical Officers and their dependants.
- Payments to Pharmacists include an amount of €1.66m in respect of drugs/medicines dispensed under the Health (Amendment) Act 1996, an amount of €8.50m in respect of the cost of Methadone dispensed under the Methadone Treatment Scheme and an amount of €0.72m in respect of DTS prescriptions.
- Payments to Dentists include an amount of €51,832 in respect of treatments under the Health (Amendment) Act 1996.
- Payments to Optometrists/Ophthalmologists include an amount of €51,154 in respect of treatments under the Health (Amendment) Act 1996.
- The corresponding figures for 2005 are –
  - Total of Payments €1,881.3m.
  - Doctors' Fees €291.33m and Doctors' Allowances €122.70m.
  - Pharmacists' Fees and Mark-Up €283.82m, Drugs and Medicines €905.59m.
- Payments to Dentists under the DTS Scheme were €54.46m.
- Payments to Optometrists/Ophthalmologists €17m.
- Investment in General Practice Development was €11.93m.
- High Tech Drugs Scheme – Payment to Wholesalers €168.76m, Patient Care Fees €8.73m.
- Administration €17.01m.

## Number of Agreements

2,315 Doctors	1,530 Pharmacists	1,414 Dentists	552 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 2006 there were 2,315 such agreements.

### Number of Agreements as at 31st December 2006

Health Service Executive	Doctors	Pharmacists	Dentists	Optometrists
East Coast Area	213	135	103	45
South West Area	301	210	189	85
Northern Area	256	172	148	45
Midland	135	86	71	45
Mid-Western	218	146	114	44
North Eastern	164	136	112	56
North Western	137	88	63	31
South Eastern	225	165	129	54
Southern	409	238	311	74
Western	257	154	174	73
<b>National</b>	<b>*2,315</b>	<b>#1,530</b>	<b>+1,414</b>	<b>552</b>
Corresponding figures for 2005	2,257	1,430	1,394	531

*\*220 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 and the Methadone Treatment Scheme at year end are included above.*

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

*+201 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 1,221,695</b>	<b>GPVC 51,760</b>	<b>DP 1,525,657</b>	<b>LTI 106,307</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 54,257 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 2006

Health Service Executive	GMS	GPVC	DP	LTI
Eastern Areas	360,840	8,149	514,984	54,859
Midland	74,319	4,239	95,227	5,888
Mid-Western	108,973	3,289	160,867	7,423
North Eastern	107,751	6,350	137,118	8,622
North Western	102,652	4,885	64,437	5,936
South Eastern	146,968	8,020	157,480	10,852
Southern	181,512	9,718	254,710	7,507
Western	138,680	7,110	140,834	5,220
<b>National</b>	<b>1,221,695</b>	<b>51,760</b>	<b>1,525,657</b>	<b>106,307</b>
<b>% of Population</b>	<b>28.85%</b>	<b>1.22%</b>	<b>36.03%</b>	<b>2.51%</b>
Corresponding figures for 2005	1,155,727	5,079	1,478,650	99,280

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

# Payments to Doctors

**Fees €282.25m**

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 €195,007,011 in 2006 – a decrease of €11,091,579 on 2005. Fees totalling €1,427,644 were paid to 13 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 €122.47m**

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 639,573 in 2006 compared with 576,885 in 2005 - and the cost of such claims increased to €34,717,410 from €33,506,917 in 2005. 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 2006 was Influenza Vaccination (299,769) followed by Excisions (75,248) and E.C.G. treatments (56,847) - there was a total of more than 592,928 special services provided in 2006 - special fees totalling €21,627,306 were paid in 2006.

Annual and Study Leave together with locum, nursing and secretarial support plus other practice support payments account for most of the €122,474,346 allowances paid in the year. The total paid in 2005 was €122,697,221.

## Total of Payments to Doctors by Health Service Executive

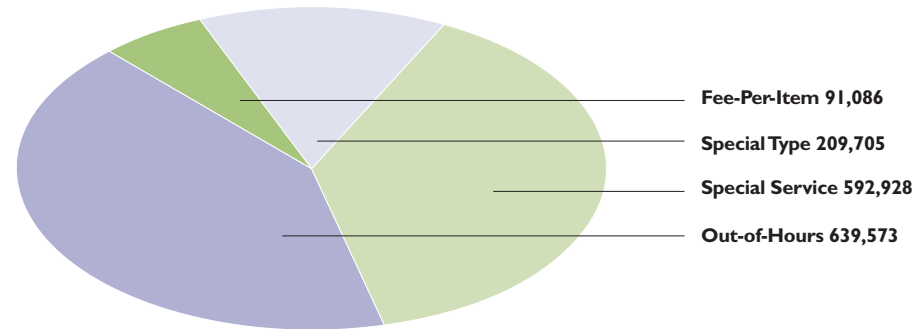
Health Service Executive	2006
East Coast Area	€29,478,759
South West Area	€45,684,431
Northern Area	€39,589,541
Midland	€25,544,623
Mid-Western	€35,369,905
North Eastern	€36,155,312
North Western	€31,417,809
South Eastern	€47,916,423
Southern	€65,677,000
Western	€47,894,671
<b>National</b>	<b>€404,728,474</b>
Corresponding figure for 2005	€414,025,306

Total Payments accumulated by Regional Health Area	
Dublin North East	€75,744,853
Dublin Mid-Leinster	€100,707,813
South	€113,593,423
West	€114,682,385

The total of payments to Doctors includes payments of: €7,012,935 under the Primary Childhood Immunisation Scheme; €223,970 to Doctors who provided services under the Health (Amendment) Act 1996; Heartwatch €1,578,286; Trainers/Trainee Grants €2,393,516 and €4,884,035 under the Methadone Treatment Scheme.

## Volume of Claims by Doctors

### National – Number of Claims – 2006



### 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	–	10,047	35,817	26,821
South West Area	24,452	19,394	55,390	65,833
Northern Area	23,423	16,243	48,867	49,197
Midland	–	15,934	38,876	42,132
Mid-Western	11,251	24,680	47,695	48,450
North Eastern	–	12,079	46,250	8,759
North Western	–	12,961	59,271	55,764
South Eastern	9,032	16,938	78,321	91,774
Southern	22,928	51,493	102,040	155,703
Western	–	29,936	80,401	95,140
<b>National</b>	<b>91,086</b>	<b>209,705</b>	<b>592,928</b>	<b>639,573</b>
Corresponding figures for 2005	101,608	196,443	580,722	576,885

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 (13) 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 €940.22m**

**DP €285.79m**

**LTI €115.46m**

**EEA €2.11m**

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 2006 there were 13.9m prescription forms containing 41m prescription items dispensed at a cost of over €940,224,576 i.e. an average cost of €22.80 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 2006 was €809.04.

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 €217.76m - at year end there were 36,460 persons registered under this Scheme - Patient Care Fees totalled €10.51m and payments for drugs and medicines totalled €207.25m.

In the year the Primary Care Reimbursement Service processed claims valued at €368.03m on drugs acting on the 'cardiovascular system' (GMS €228.67m, DP €115.00m and LTI €24.36m). The second highest cost category was drugs acting on the 'nervous system' €270.43m (GMS €187.98m, DP €66.37m, LTI €16.08m). The third highest amount paid was for drugs acting on the alimentary tract and metabolism system €240.08m (GMS €142.82m, DP €64.62m, LTI €32.64m).

## Total of Payments to Pharmacies by Health Service Executive

Health Service Executive	GMS €	DP €	LTI €	*EEA €
East Coast Area	66,349,413	26,767,971	13,460,956	76,316
South Western Area	106,380,919	48,253,384	19,811,460	125,248
Northern Area	104,514,962	41,296,280	17,463,235	68,753
Midland	64,627,065	16,722,919	6,686,599	87,344
Mid-Western	86,389,943	23,046,697	7,441,773	236,909
North Eastern	81,747,432	23,460,172	10,501,015	141,738
North Western	60,265,463	9,906,103	6,919,712	276,194
South Eastern	116,917,129	27,855,813	11,993,855	251,177
Southern	151,075,586	43,856,155	13,572,532	484,687
Western	101,956,664	21,942,621	7,610,203	365,545
<b>National</b>	<b>€940,224,576</b>	<b>€283,108,115</b>	<b>€115,461,340</b>	<b>€2,113,911</b>
Corresponding figures for 2005	€831,442,623	€244,485,938	€100,546,643	€1,879,609

Total Payments accumulated by Regional Health Area				
	GMS €	DP €	LTI €	*EEA €
Dublin North East	186,262,394	64,756,452	27,964,250	210,491
Dublin Mid-Leinster	237,357,397	91,744,274	39,959,015	288,908
South	267,992,715	71,711,968	25,566,387	735,864
West	248,612,070	54,895,421	21,971,688	878,648

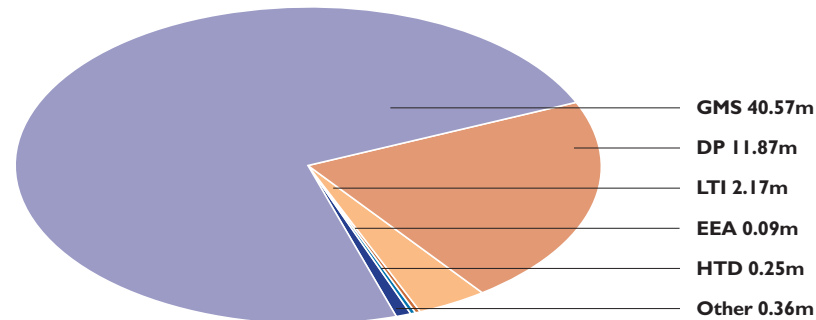
\* **EEA** – Payment to Pharmacies to cover the cost of GMS prescriptions dispensed for residents from the European Economic Area.

Pharmacies were also paid in respect of the drugs/medicines dispensed under: Health (Amendment) Act 1996 - €1,662,371; Methadone Treatment Scheme - €8,498,432; DTS Scheme - €718,604; Pharmacy Training Grant - €189,592 and Patient Care Fees totalling €10,511,147 under the High Tech Drugs Scheme. (Payments to Wholesalers under the High Tech Drugs Scheme amounted to €207,247,071).

In 2006 The National Maternity Hospital was paid €953,868 and The Rotunda Hospital was paid €1,730,743 in respect of Fertility Treatment. These figures are not included in the above table.

## Volume of Claims by Pharmacies

### National – Number of Items – 2006



GMS prescription forms processed for payment in the year totalled 13.9m - the total of prescribed items was more than 40.5m - these accounted for approximately 73% of all items paid for by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service in 2006.

Approximately 38.32% of GMS forms contained a single item: more than 19.84% contained 2 items - the average number of items per form was 2.91 (2005 – 2.83).

GMS dispensed items paid for by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service in 2006 increased by more than 3,141,568 - the increase in the number of DP items was more than 1,290,528 - the overall increase in the number of pharmacy claims processed by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service in the year was more than 4.7m.

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

Health Service Executive	GMS	DP	LTI	EEA	HTD	*Other
East Coast Area	2,921,308	1,154,783	245,933	3,394	22,976	34,165
South West Area	4,770,974	1,815,976	363,906	5,267	36,201	116,874
Northern Area	4,431,096	1,626,508	322,213	2,855	28,822	92,355
Midland	2,747,155	749,831	128,573	3,727	16,035	10,984
Mid-Western	3,810,272	1,011,375	153,966	10,049	18,576	17,240
North Eastern	3,519,481	1,061,509	195,751	5,896	21,495	17,582
North Western	2,570,902	410,705	128,819	11,467	18,566	7,245
South Eastern	5,055,269	1,274,099	236,473	10,295	28,377	20,624
Southern	6,564,571	1,824,097	251,280	20,427	34,557	25,020
Western	4,178,314	943,334	138,386	15,365	27,087	14,876
<b>National</b>	<b>40,569,342</b>	<b>11,872,217</b>	<b>2,165,300</b>	<b>88,742</b>	<b>252,692</b>	<b>356,965</b>
Corresponding Figures for 2005	37,427,774	10,581,689	1,929,111	81,965	206,641	328,119

\* This group includes: 53,348 claim items in respect of the Health (Amendment) Act 1996; 217,699 items under the Methadone Treatment Scheme and 85,918 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 €36.29m

Dentists were paid a total of €55,448,432 in 2006, in respect of treatments provided for more than 256,263 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 €19.15m

‘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

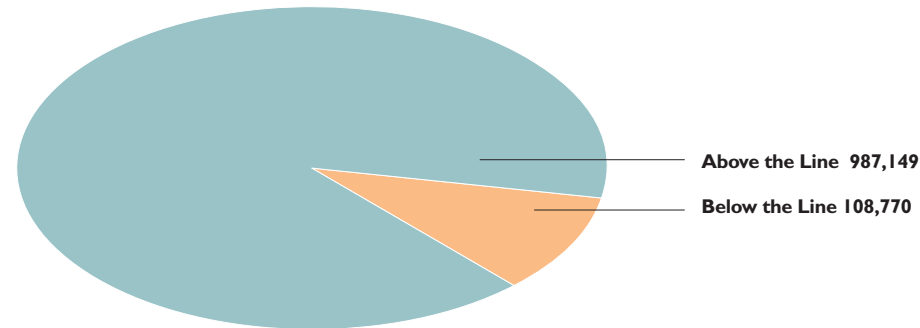
Health Service Executive	2006
Eastern Areas	€14,668,790
Midland	€3,006,178
Mid-Western	€4,950,524
North Eastern	€4,812,847
North Western	€3,744,915
South Eastern	€6,980,460
Southern	€9,957,768
Western	€7,326,950
<b>National</b>	<b>€55,448,432</b>
Corresponding figure for 2005	€54,402,901

Total Payments accumulated by Regional Health Area	
Dublin North East	€10,619,059
Dublin Mid-Leinster	€11,868,756
South	€16,938,228
West	€16,022,389

Dentists were also paid a total of €51,832 in 2006 in respect of treatments under the Health (Amendment) Act 1996.

# Volume of Claims by Dentists

## National – Volume of Treatments – 2006



## 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	274,054	25,705	67,578
Midland	51,346	6,704	14,149
Mid-Western	87,444	11,354	23,574
North Eastern	84,187	10,230	22,408
North Western	72,263	5,452	18,652
South Eastern	117,457	15,310	31,394
Southern	183,470	18,408	47,396
Western	116,928	15,607	31,112
<b>National</b>	<b>987,149</b>	<b>108,770</b>	<b>256,263</b>
Corresponding figures for 2005	962,936	106,466	242,865

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 96,805 patients followed by Oral Examination. In the BTL category the most frequently used service was Prosthetics followed by Protracted Periodontal and Radiographs.

# 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 Board 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 2006 claims were received on behalf of 192,619 GMS persons for 464,623 treatments costing €16,927,104.

Eye examinations by Optometrists/Ophthalmologists totalled 190,263 - complete spectacles (distance, reading and bi-focals) provided under the Scheme totalled 274,360. 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

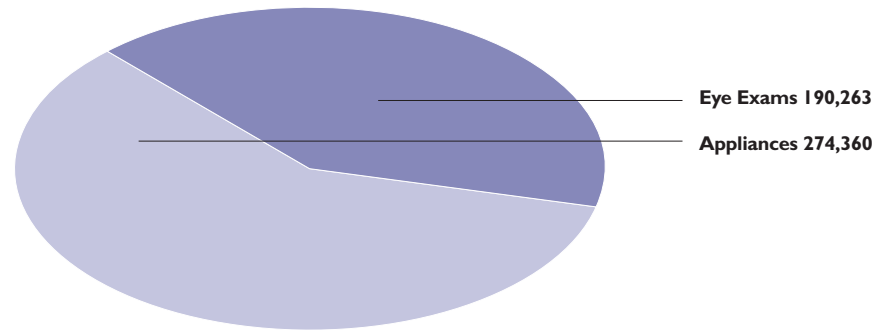
Health Service Executive	2006
Eastern Areas	€4,980,919
Midland	€1,110,709
Mid-Western	€1,611,179
North Eastern	€1,289,181
North Western	€1,271,903
South Eastern	€2,373,466
Southern	€2,644,163
Western	€1,645,584
<b>National</b>	<b>€16,927,104</b>
Corresponding figure for 2005	€15,833,940

Total Payments accumulated by Regional Health Area	
Dublin North East	€2,928,233
Dublin Mid-Leinster	€4,452,576
South	€4,528,666
West	€5,017,629

*Opticians were also paid in respect of: Health (Amendment) Act 1996 €51,154; Optical services for Teenagers €105,252; Optical services for Children €919,093.*

# Volume of Treatments by Optometrists/Ophthalmologists

National – Volume of Treatments – 2006

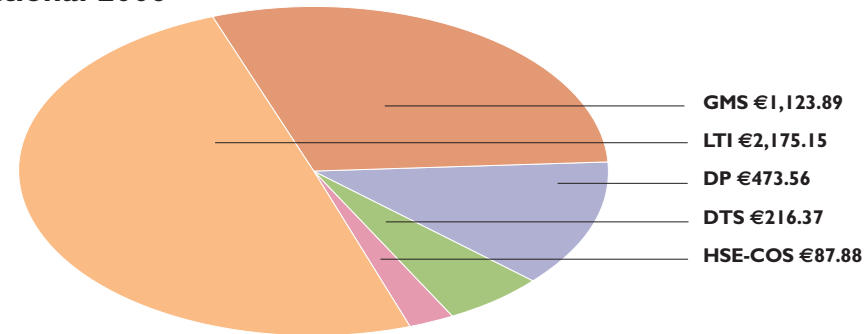


## Volume of Treatments by Optometrists/Ophthalmologists in each Health Service Executive Area

Health Service Executive	Eye Exams	Appliances	Volume of Treatments	No. of Persons Treated
Eastern Areas	56,269	78,173	134,442	56,127
Midland	12,060	17,315	29,375	12,366
Mid-Western	17,067	27,289	44,356	18,102
North Eastern	14,571	21,231	35,802	14,627
North Western	15,319	21,164	36,483	15,678
South Eastern	26,227	40,230	66,457	27,534
Southern	30,309	41,730	72,039	29,531
Western	18,441	27,228	45,669	18,654
<b>National</b>	<b>190,263</b>	<b>274,360</b>	<b>464,623</b>	<b>192,619</b>
Corresponding figures for 2005	168,400	249,133	417,533	175,093

## Cost per Person

**National 2006**



**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	301.29	785.64	1,086.93	2,248.12	562.70	217.06	88.74
Midland	318.22	894.65	1,212.87	2,169.56	428.36	212.47	89.82
Mid-Western	299.82	838.20	1,138.02	1,831.60	422.84	210.00	89.01
North Eastern	324.63	830.08	1,154.71	2,206.56	415.26	214.78	88.14
North Western	299.98	674.46	974.44	2,289.02	446.74	200.78	81.13
South Eastern	318.87	817.98	1,136.85	2,148.67	442.58	222.35	86.20
Southern	340.05	862.71	1,202.76	2,167.44	438.17	210.10	89.54
Western	326.32	796.08	1,122.40	2,033.18	392.68	235.50	88.22
<b>National</b>	<b>€314.85</b>	<b>€809.04</b>	<b>€1,123.89</b>	<b>€2,175.15</b>	<b>€473.56</b>	<b>€216.37</b>	<b>€87.88</b>
Corresponding figures for 2005	€343.35	€750.04	€1,093.39	€1,896.89	€464.76	€215.89	€90.43

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

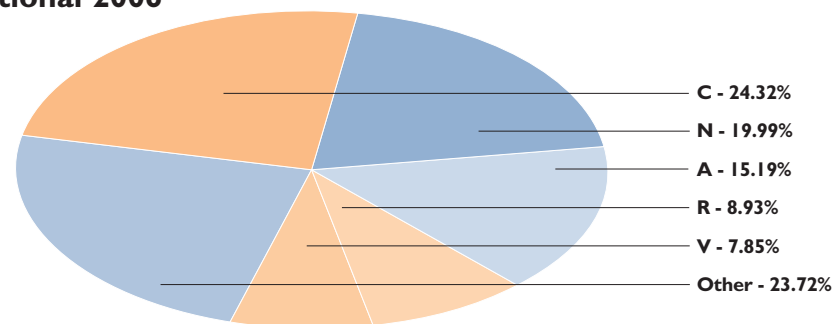
The Doctor cost for 2005 includes arrears paid resulting from the implementation of the 2005 LRC Agreement.

The above table shows the actual cost per person in respect of those who availed of services under each Scheme in 2006.

Medical and pharmaceutical services delivered to GMS persons increased in cost from €1,093.39 in 2005 to €1,123.89 in 2006 an increase of €30.50 per person - the cost of medical services per person decreased in cost from €343.35 in 2005 to €314.85 a decrease of 8.3% - the cost per person of pharmaceutical services increased from €750.04 in 2005 to €809.04 in 2006 an increase of 7.87%.

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

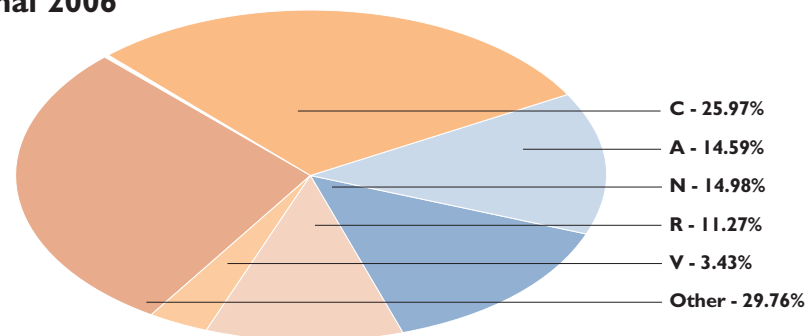
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Major Therapeutic Classification	€m	%
<b>A Alimentary Tract and Metabolism</b>	<b>142.82</b>	<b>15.19</b>
<b>B Blood and Blood Forming Organs</b>	42.34	4.50
<b>C Cardiovascular System</b>	<b>228.67</b>	<b>24.32</b>
<b>D Dermatologicals</b>	17.79	1.89
<b>G Genito Urinary System and Sex Hormones</b>	34.90	3.71
<b>H Systemic Hormonal Preps. excl. Sex Hormones and Insulins</b>	9.08	0.97
<b>J Anti-infectives for Systemic Use</b>	34.01	3.62
<b>L Antineoplastic and Immunomodulating Agents</b>	8.67	0.92
<b>M Musculo-Skeletal System</b>	58.65	6.24
<b>N Nervous System</b>	<b>187.98</b>	<b>19.99</b>
<b>P Antiparasitic Products, Insecticides and Repellents</b>	0.71	0.08
<b>R Respiratory System</b>	<b>83.92</b>	<b>8.93</b>
<b>S Sensory Organs</b>	16.88	1.79
<b>V Clinical Nutritional Products</b>	35.00	3.72
Diagnostic Products	16.61	1.77
Ostomy Appliances	9.64	1.03
Urinary Appliances	4.10	0.43
Needles/Syringes/Lancets	2.95	0.31
Other Therapeutic Products	2.05	0.22
Dressings	1.60	0.17
Miscellaneous	1.85	0.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>€940.22m</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

National 2006

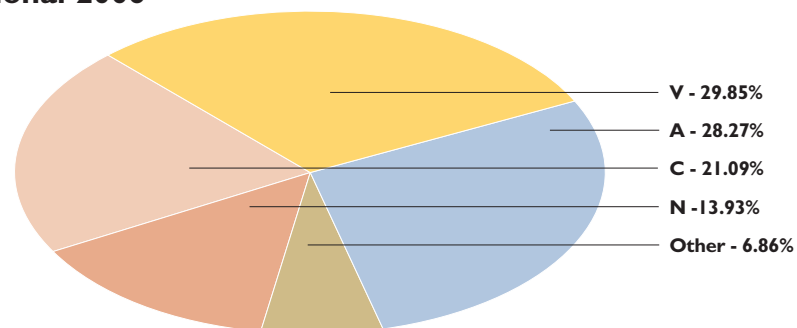


Major Therapeutic Classification	€m	%
<b>A Alimentary Tract and Metabolism</b>	<b>64.62</b>	<b>14.59</b>
<b>B Blood and Blood Forming Organs</b>	14.26	3.22
<b>C Cardiovascular System</b>	<b>115.00</b>	<b>25.97</b>
<b>D Dermatologicals</b>	19.39	4.38
<b>G Genito Urinary System and Sex Hormones</b>	33.35	7.53
<b>H Systemic Hormonal Preps. excl. Sex Hormones and Insulins</b>	3.99	0.90
<b>J Anti-infectives for Systemic Use</b>	20.33	4.59
<b>L Antineoplastic and Immunomodulating Agents</b>	6.37	1.44
<b>M Musculo-Skeletal System</b>	27.97	6.31
<b>N Nervous System</b>	<b>66.37</b>	<b>14.98</b>
<b>P Antiparasitic Products, Insecticides and Repellents</b>	1.46	0.33
<b>R Respiratory System</b>	<b>49.90</b>	<b>11.27</b>
<b>S Sensory Organs</b>	4.71	1.06
<b>V Clinical Nutritional Products</b>	6.70	1.51
Ostomy Appliances	4.55	1.03
Urinary Appliances	1.43	0.32
Diagnostic Products	1.04	0.24
Dressings	0.41	0.09
Needles/Syringes/Lancets	0.22	0.05
Other Therapeutic Products	0.47	0.11
Miscellaneous	0.38	0.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>€422.92m</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 2006



Major Therapeutic Classification	€m	%
<b>A Alimentary Tract and Metabolism</b>	<b>32.64</b>	<b>28.27</b>
B Blood and Blood Forming Organs	2.45	2.12
<b>C Cardiovascular System</b>	<b>24.36</b>	<b>21.09</b>
D Dermatologicals	0.20	0.17
G Genito Urinary System and Sex Hormones	1.12	0.97
H Systemic Hormonal Preps. excl. Sex Hormones and Insulins	0.76	0.66
J Anti-infectives for Systemic Use	1.85	1.60
L Antineoplastic and Immunomodulating Agents	0.09	0.08
M Musculo-Skeletal System	0.66	0.58
<b>N Nervous System</b>	<b>16.08</b>	<b>13.93</b>
P Antiparasitic Products, Insecticides and Repellents	0.00	0.00
R Respiratory System	0.59	0.51
S Sensory Organs	0.20	0.17
V Diagnostic Products	22.45	19.45
Clinical Nutritional Products	5.24	4.54
Needles/Syringes/Lancets/Swabs	4.70	4.06
Urinary Appliances	0.90	0.78
Nutritional/Ancillary Devices	0.56	0.49
Dressings	0.15	0.13
Ostomy Appliances	0.17	0.15
Other Therapeutic Products	0.07	0.06
Miscellaneous	0.22	0.19
<b>Total</b>	<b>€115.46m</b>	<b>100%</b>



## Summary of Statistical Information relating to the GMS Scheme for each of the five years 2002-2006

	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Number of Eligible Persons in December	1,221,695	1,155,727	1,148,914	1,158,143	1,168,745
<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	€391,029	€403,071	€306,250	€286,830	€271,939
Doctors' Payment per Person	€314.85	€343.35	€261.53	€247.66	€221.15
<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	€924,995	€816,304	€747,905	€636,566	€537,874
Ingredient Cost	€743,943	€653,251	€585,122	€503,578	€423,269
Dispensing Fee	€163,537	€147,860	€149,081	€121,115	€104,827
VAT	€17,516	€15,193	€13,702	€11,873	€9,778
Number of Forms	13,932	13,227	12,794	12,243	11,551
Number of Items	40,569	37,428	35,030	32,241	29,500
Cost per Form	€66.39	€61.71	€58.46	€51.99	€46.57
Cost per Item	€22.80	€21.81	€21.35	€19.74	€18.24
Ingredient Cost per Item	€18.34	€17.45	€16.70	€15.62	€14.35
Items per Form	2.91	2.83	2.74	2.63	2.55
	<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	€15,230	€15,139	€15,413	€14,096	€13,018
Ingredient Cost	€11,777	€11,714	€11,944	€10,904	€10,059
Pharmacy Fees	€2,944	€2,927	€2,986	€2,726	€2,515
VAT	€509	€498	€483	€466	€444
	<b>(000's)</b>	<b>(000's)</b>	<b>(000's)</b>	<b>(000's)</b>	<b>(000's)</b>
Overall Cost of Medicines	€940,225	€831,443	€763,318	€650,662	€550,892
*Pharmacy Payment per Person	€809.04	€750.04	€692.73	€595.16	
<b>Overall Payments</b>	<b>€1,331,254</b>	<b>€1,234,514</b>	<b>€1,069,568</b>	<b>€937,493</b>	<b>€822,831</b>
<b>*Overall Payment per Person</b>	<b>€1,123.89</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 2002-2006

	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
<b>LTI Scheme</b>					
Number of Eligible Persons in December	106,307	99,280	93,504	97,184	92,745
*Number of Claimants	53,082	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	2,165	1,929	1,675	1,464	1,280
Total Cost	€115,461	€100,547	€85,551	€73,348	€61,636
Cost per Item	€53.32	€52.12	€51.08	€50.11	€48.15
*Cost per Claimant	€2,175.15	€1,896.89	€1,693.21	€1,526.40	
<b>DP Scheme</b>					
Number of Eligible Persons in December	1,525,657	1,478,650	1,469,251	1,396,813	1,319,395
*Number of Claimants	597,835	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	11,872	10,582	9,933	9,311	9,063
Gross Cost	€442,924	€388,021	€351,144	€315,832	€287,489
Net Cost	€283,108	€244,486	€223,959	€204,422	€192,366
Gross Cost per Item	€37.31	€36.67	€35.35	€33.92	€31.72
*Net Cost per Claimant	€473.56	€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 2006

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	81.89	79.97	86.04	84.14	92.16	90.31	98.23	96.37	105.74	103.86
5 – 15	49.13	49.65	50.85	51.37	53.38	53.96	55.83	56.37	58.91	59.39
16 – 44	61.66	98.41	63.89	100.64	67.19	103.92	70.43	106.63	74.40	111.13
45 – 64	119.35	130.77	124.70	136.12	132.61	144.01	140.39	151.83	150.09	161.47
65 – 69	125.53	139.60	140.41	154.50	162.52	176.58	184.21	198.30	211.20	225.30
70 and over	136.85	151.35	152.18	166.72	175.02	189.54	197.42	211.96	225.28	239.84

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

The Capitation rate is €627.13 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 €908.88 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 €47.26</p> <p>Domiciliary</p> <p>Up to 3 miles €47.26</p> <p>3 - 5 miles €63.06</p> <p>5 - 7 miles €70.99</p> <p>7 - 10 miles €78.79</p> <p>Over 10 miles €94.57</p> <p>Additional Fee €36.89</p>	<p><b>Temporary Residents</b></p> <p>Surgery €47.26</p> <p>Domiciliary</p> <p>Up to 3 miles €47.26</p> <p>3 - 5 miles €63.06</p> <p>5 - 7 miles €70.99</p> <p>7 - 10 miles €78.79</p> <p>Over 10 miles €94.57</p> <p>Rural Dispensing Fee €14.38</p> <p>Fee for Second Medical Opinion €31.53</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 — €1,645.56 per week</p> <p>Study Leave — Up to a maximum of</p> <p>Maternity Leave — €235.08 per day</p> <p>Paternity Leave</p>
<p><b>*Special Items of Service</b></p> <p>(i) to (ix) €29.56</p> <p>(x) and (xi) €44.35</p> <p>(xii) €73.93</p> <p>(xiii) €49.75</p> <p>(xiv) €79.61</p> <p>(xv) and (xvi) €39.89</p> <p>(xvii) €59.83</p> <p>(xviii) €143.83</p> <p>+Mileage</p>	<p><b>Practice Payments for Rural Areas</b></p> <p>Rural Practice Allowance Per Annum €19,327.70</p> <p><b>Practice Support</b></p> <p>Allowance for Practice Secretary up to a maximum Per Annum of €25,957.54</p> <p>Allowance for Practice Nurse up to a maximum Per Annum of €40,790.43</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 €181.81 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 2006

<b>Surgery Consultations</b>			<b>Locum and Practice Expense Allowance</b>	
Day	Normal Hours	€13.02	Per Annum	€1,634.16
Late	Outside Normal Hours other than (Night)	€18.51		
Night	Midnight to 8.00 a.m.	€36.61	<b>Sessional Rate - Homes for the Aged</b>	
			Per 3 Hour Session	€87.23
<b>Domiciliary Consultations</b>			<b>* Special Items of Service</b>	
Day	Normal Hours		(i) to (vii)	€26.73
	Urban	€19.20	(viii) and (ix)	€39.89
	Up to 3 miles	€19.20	(x)	€59.83
	3 - 5 miles	€25.15	(xi)	€143.83
	5 - 7 miles	€33.78		
	7 - 10 miles	€42.36		
	Over 10 miles	€52.97		
Late	<b>Outside Normal Hours</b>		<b>Immunisation Fees</b>	
	Urban	€25.15	(i) Registration of child with a GP	€38.11
	Up to 3 miles	€25.15	(ii) Complete course of immunisation against PT/DT; Hib; Polio and MMR	€126.98
	3 - 5 miles	€32.54	(iii) 95% uptake bonus	€61.16
	5 - 7 miles	€42.36		
	7 - 10 miles	€56.27		
Night	<b>Midnight to 8.00 a.m.</b>		<b>Health (Amendment) Act 1996</b>	
	Urban	€49.31	Surgery Fee	€36.38
	Up to 3 miles	€49.31	Domiciliary Fee	€47.98
	3 - 5 miles	€63.38		
	5 - 7 miles	€80.17	<b>Methadone Treatment Scheme</b>	
	7 - 10 miles	€89.46	Level 1 Contractor	€149.28
Over 10 miles	€97.12	Level 2 Contractor	€164.64	
<b>Emergency Fee/EEA Fee (Additional to Standard Fee)</b>		€14.24		
Dispensing Fee		€14.24		
<b>Rural Practitioner's Allowance</b>				
Per Annum		€8,394.35		

- \* 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 2006

<b>GMS Scheme</b>		<b>€</b>
<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 2006

Treatment Type	Routine €
Oral Examination	30.78
Prophylaxis	28.91
Restoration (Amalgam)	46.52
Restoration (Composite) 6 anterior teeth only	48.22
Exodontics (Extraction under local anaesthetic)	36.76
Surgical Extraction - Maximum 3 units:	
Fee payable for each 15 minute unit	32.73
Maximum	98.19
1st Stage Endodontic Treatment (Anterior teeth only)	53.25
<b>Denture Repairs</b>	
1st Item of Repair	42.34
Each Subsequent Item	13.57
Maximum	69.49
Apicectomy/Amputation of Roots	*Dentist Estimate
Endodontics (Anterior teeth only)	*Dentist Estimate
Protracted Periodontal Treatment	*Dentist Estimate
<b>Radiographs</b>	
1 Film	23.03
2 or more Films	34.81
Panoramic	38.55
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
(e.g. Abscess, Haemorrhage, Dressings etc.)	21.05
<b>Prosthetics</b>	
Full Upper or Lower Denture (Other than Edentulous Persons)	288.63
Partial Upper or Lower Acrylic Denture	211.71
Complete Upper or Lower Reline	115.55
Complete Upper and Lower Reline	192.33
Full Upper and Lower Denture (Edentulous Persons Only)	423.58

\*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 2006	€		€
<b>Examinations</b>		Single Vision Lenses (2) (Plastic) Distance	58.01 (H)
Eye Examination Ophthalmic Optician	22.28	Single Vision Lens (1) (Plastic) Reading	29.00 (H)
Eye Examination Ophthalmologist/ Ophthalmic Medical Practitioner	25.29	Single Vision Lenses (2) (Plastic) Reading	58.01 (H)
Medical Eye Examination by Ophthalmologist	50.58	<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	84.65 (H)
Eye Examination Ophthalmic (Dilation)	44.56	Special grant towards additional specification for lenses (2) – applies to all spectacle types	169.30 (H)
<b>Appliances</b>		<b>Other Items - Single Vision</b>	
<b>Single Vision Complete Appliances</b>		Lenticular Lens (1 Surface)	12.08
Spectacles - Distance	45.59	Lenticular Lenses (2 Surfaces)	24.15
Spectacles - Reading	45.59	Lenticular Lenses (3 Surfaces)	36.23
Spectacles - Uncollected	32.34	Lenticular Lenses (4 Surfaces)	48.30
Contact Lenses (Pair)	45.60	Tinted Lens (1)	7.97
Contact Lenses Standard or Disposable per pair (Grant)	69.89 (H)	Tinted Lenses (2)	15.94
Single Vision Spectacles - with Glass Lenses Distance	135.39 (H)	Tinted Lenses (3)	23.92
Single Vision Spectacles - with Glass Lenses Reading	135.39 (H)	Tinted Lenses (4)	31.90
Single Vision Spectacles - with Plastic Lenses Distance	145.28 (H)	Prism (1)	6.53
Single Vision Spectacles - with Plastic Lenses Reading	145.28 (H)	Prisms (2)	13.07
<b>Single Vision Lenses to Own Frame</b>		Prisms (3)	19.60
Replacement Distance Lens (1) to own frame	17.71	Prisms (4)	26.14
Replacement Distance Lenses (2) to own frame	35.43	Prisms (5)	32.67
Replacement Reading Lens (1) to own frame	17.71	Prisms (6)	39.20
Replacement Reading Lenses (2) to own frame	35.43	Prisms (7)	45.74
<b>Single Vision Lenses to Non-Standard Frame</b>		Prisms (8)	52.27
Single Vision Lens (1) (Glass) Distance	25.68 (H)	Dioptric powers higher than 8.00 (1) Lens	6.15
Single Vision Lenses (2) (Glass) Distance	51.35 (H)	Dioptric powers higher than 8.00 (2) Lenses	12.29
Single Vision Lens (1) (Glass) Reading	25.68 (H)	Dioptric powers higher than 8.00 (3) Lenses	18.44
Single Vision Lenses (2) (Glass) Reading	51.35 (H)	Dioptric powers higher than 8.00 (4) Lenses	24.59
Single Vision Lens (1) (Plastic) Distance	29.00 (H)	Anti-Reflective Coating on Plastic Lens (1)	18.61 (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 2006	€		€
Anti-Reflective Coating on Plastic Lenses (2)	37.22 (H)	<b>Repairs</b>	
Dioptric powers higher than 6.00 (Plastic) (1) Lens	15.37	Replacement Frame to own lenses	13.14
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	5.03	Complete New Frames	97.75 (H)
Plastic Lenses (2) for children as prescribed	10.07		
Plastic Lens (1) Adult	4.95 (H)		
Plastic Lenses (2) Adult	9.90 (H)		
<b>Bifocals</b>			
Spectacles Bifocal Complete	92.11		
Fused Bifocal Spectacles	180.94 (H)		
Varifocals Spectacles - Glass or Plastic	268.83 (H)		
<b>Bifocal Lenses</b>			
Replacement Bifocal Lens (1) to own frame	41.02		
Replacement Bifocal Lenses (2) to own frame	82.04		
Bifocal Lens (1) to Non-Standard Frames	52.99 (H)		
Bifocal Lenses (2) to Non-Standard Frames	105.97 (H)		
Varifocal Lens (1) (Grant)	100.78 (H)		
Varifocal Lenses (2) (Grant)	201.56 (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)	8.75		
Tinted Lenses (2)	17.47		
Prism (1)	9.24		
Prisms (2)	18.49		

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





DETAILED STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF  
CLAIMS AND PAYMENTS 2006

**Table I GMS: Summary of Statistical Information for each of the Five Years 2002 - 2006**

Year ended December:-	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	Year ended December:-	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Number of Eligible Persons in December	1,221,695	1,155,727	1,148,914	1,158,143	1,168,745	Number of Doctor Contracts	2,315	2,257	2,210	2,181	2,134
						Number of Pharmacist Contracts	1,530	1,430	1,333	1,292	1,249
<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>€391,029</b>	<b>€403,071</b>	<b>€306,250</b>	<b>€286,830</b>	<b>€271,939</b>	<b>Total Cost of Stock Orders</b>	<b>€15,230</b>	<b>€15,139</b>	<b>€15,413</b>	<b>€14,096</b>	<b>€13,018</b>
<b>Doctors' Payment per Person</b>	<b>€314.85</b>	<b>€343.35</b>	<b>€261.53</b>	<b>€247.66</b>	<b>€221.15</b>	Ingredient Cost	€11,777	€11,714	€11,944	€10,904	€10,059
						Pharmacy Fees	€2,944	€2,927	€2,986	€2,726	€2,515
						VAT	€509	€498	€483	€466	€444
<b>PHARMACIES</b>											
<b>Total Cost of Prescriptions</b>	<b>€924,995</b>	<b>€816,304</b>	<b>€747,905</b>	<b>€636,566</b>	<b>€537,874</b>	<b>Overall Cost of Medicines</b>	<b>€940,225</b>	<b>€831,443</b>	<b>€763,318</b>	<b>€650,662</b>	<b>€550,892</b>
Ingredient Cost	€743,943	€653,251	€585,122	€503,578	€423,269	<b>*Pharmacy Payment per Person</b>	<b>€809.04</b>	<b>€750.04</b>	<b>€692.73</b>	<b>€595.16</b>	
Dispensing Fee	€163,537	€147,860	€149,081	€121,115	€104,827						
VAT	€17,516	€15,193	€13,702	€11,873	€9,778						
Number of Forms	13,932	13,227	12,794	12,243	11,551	<b>Overall Payments</b>	<b>€1,331,254</b>	<b>€1,234,514</b>	<b>€1,069,568</b>	<b>€937,493</b>	<b>€822,831</b>
Number of Items	40,569	37,428	35,030	32,241	29,500	<b>*Overall Payment per Person</b>	<b>€1,123.89</b>	<b>€1,093.39</b>	<b>€954.26</b>	<b>€842.82</b>	
Cost per Form	€66.39	€61.71	€58.46	€51.99	€46.57						
Cost per Item	€22.80	€21.81	€21.35	€19.74	€18.24						
Ingredient Cost per Item	€18.34	€17.45	€16.70	€15.62	€14.35						
Items per Form	2.91	2.83	2.74	2.63	2.55						

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 2002 - 2006**

Year ended December:-	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	Year ended December:-	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
<b>LTI Scheme</b>						<b>DP Scheme</b>					
Number of Eligible Persons in December	106,307	99,280	93,504	97,184	92,745	Number of Eligible Persons in December	1,525,657	1,478,650	1,469,251	1,396,813	1,319,395
*Number of Claimants	53,082	53,006	50,526	48,053		*Number of Claimants	597,835	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	2,165	1,929	1,675	1,464	1,280	Number of Items	11,872	10,582	9,933	9,311	9,063
Total Cost	€115,461	€100,547	€85,551	€73,348	€61,636	Gross Cost	€442,924	€388,021	€351,144	€315,832	€287,489
Cost per Item	€53.32	€52.12	€51.08	€50.11	€48.15	Net Cost	€283,108	€244,486	€223,959	€204,422	€192,366
*Cost per Claimant	€2,175.15	€1,896.89	€1,693.21	€1,526.40		Gross Cost per Item	€37.31	€36.67	€35.35	€33.92	€31.72
						*Net Cost per Claimant	€473.56	€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	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
East Coast Area	213	212	135	126	103	102	45	45
South Western Area	301	303	210	196	189	205	85	78
Northern Area	256	242	172	163	148	154	45	42
Midland	135	126	86	82	71	68	45	43
Mid-Western	218	214	146	137	114	102	44	42
North Eastern	164	162	136	126	112	103	56	50
North Western	137	134	88	79	63	64	31	30
South Eastern	225	222	165	151	129	132	54	53
Southern	409	389	238	227	311	304	74	79
Western	257	253	154	143	174	160	73	69
<b>National</b>	<b>2,315</b>	<b>2,257</b>	<b>1,530</b>	<b>1,430</b>	<b>1,414</b>	<b>1,394</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>531</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) 220 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) 201 Dentists (198 - 2005) who are employees of the Health Service Executive and who provide services under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme are included above.

(iv) 12 Pharmacies who do not hold GMS agreements and who were registered as providing non GMS Schemes at year-end are included above.

(v) Above figures relate to the position as at 31st December 2006.

**Table 3      GMS: Payments to Doctors**

		<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
		<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>FEES</b>	- Item of Service Contract	1,427,644	1,803,460
	- Capitation	195,007,011	206,098,590
	- Special Claims/Services	31,567,070	34,634,854
	- Out-of-Hours	34,717,410	33,506,917
	- Dispensing	2,567,255	2,753,426
	- Asylum Seekers	1,598,662	1,484,255
	- GP Visit Cards	1,669,850	92,365
<b>ALLOWANCES</b>	- Annual Leave	8,128,810	8,508,173
	- Locum and Practice Expenses	6,353	13,215
	- Sick Leave	1,320,003	1,514,791
	- Maternity Leave	694,044	532,758
	- Rural Practice	3,566,352	4,974,708
	- Secretarial/Nursing	55,333,933	59,418,733
	- Study Leave	1,472,390	1,560,225
	- Medical Indemnity Insurance	2,163,422	1,919,026
	- Rostering/Out-of-Hours	10,929,872	6,548,291
	- Practice Development	4,353,385	4,365,469
	- Practice Support Grant	2,671,706	2,668,681
	- IMO Agreements:		
	One-in-one rotas	634,869	634,869
	Third year Trainees	431,392	281,882
	Trainer Grants	1,327,255	891,610
<b>SALARIES</b>	- Former District Medical Officers	2,553,074	1,807,437
	- Benefits to retired DMOs and their dependants	6,375,536	6,249,438
<b>SUPERANNUATION FUND</b>	- Contribution	20,511,950	20,807,914
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>€391,029,248</b>	<b>€403,071,088</b>

**Table 4 GMS: Cost of Prescriptions**

Health Service Executive	Ingredient Cost		Dispensing Fee		VAT		Total	
	2006 €	2005 €	2006 €	2005 €	2006 €	2005 €	2006 €	2005 €
East Coast Area	52,604,778	46,496,561	12,207,696	11,161,953	1,281,119	1,114,293	66,093,593	58,772,807
South Western Area	85,139,305	75,433,230	18,962,984	17,289,034	2,116,588	1,864,426	106,218,877	94,586,690
Northern Area	84,240,528	73,247,610	18,173,091	16,370,106	1,957,116	1,689,822	104,370,735	91,307,538
Midland	51,582,633	45,478,996	11,254,647	10,096,069	1,205,293	1,047,913	64,042,573	56,622,978
Mid-Western	68,551,698	60,153,877	15,031,833	13,661,854	1,616,878	1,391,282	85,200,409	75,207,013
North Eastern	64,342,026	56,533,835	14,174,393	12,814,200	1,518,627	1,308,787	80,035,046	70,656,822
North Western	46,634,933	40,948,981	10,095,373	9,140,657	1,071,007	944,603	57,801,313	51,034,241
South Eastern	90,478,195	79,072,272	20,529,625	18,258,235	2,229,792	1,945,504	113,237,612	99,276,011
Southern	121,545,201	106,311,334	26,217,167	23,813,500	2,783,095	2,368,159	150,545,463	132,492,993
Western	78,823,230	69,573,817	16,889,727	15,254,274	1,736,221	1,518,377	97,449,178	86,346,468
<b>National</b>	<b>€743,942,527</b>	<b>€653,250,513</b>	<b>€163,536,536</b>	<b>€147,859,882</b>	<b>€17,515,736</b>	<b>€15,193,166</b>	<b>€924,994,799</b>	<b>€816,303,561</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	
	2006 €	2005 €	2006 €	2005 €	2006 €	2005 €	2006 €	2005 €
East Coast Area	174,330	160,881	43,581	40,223	37,909	32,108	255,820	233,212
South Western Area	107,199	104,034	26,802	26,004	28,041	27,133	162,042	157,171
Northern Area	97,032	54,250	24,255	13,568	22,940	13,944	144,227	81,762
Midland	447,503	437,946	111,870	109,495	25,119	22,913	584,492	570,354
Mid-Western	914,713	883,232	228,681	220,799	46,140	47,686	1,189,534	1,151,717
North Eastern	1,328,140	1,206,281	332,036	301,566	52,210	52,459	1,712,386	1,560,306
North Western	1,927,446	2,098,402	481,861	523,983	54,843	58,823	2,464,150	2,681,208
South Eastern	2,869,462	2,797,152	717,353	699,284	92,702	90,747	3,679,517	3,587,183
Southern	380,678	407,894	95,164	101,978	54,281	58,310	530,123	568,182
Western	3,530,108	3,564,090	882,385	890,105	94,993	93,772	4,507,486	4,547,967
<b>National</b>	<b>€11,776,611</b>	<b>€11,714,162</b>	<b>€2,943,988</b>	<b>€2,927,005</b>	<b>€509,178</b>	<b>€497,895</b>	<b>€15,229,777</b>	<b>€15,139,062</b>

Note: (i) Stock Order Forms are provided by HSE Areas for the use of 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	
	2006 €	2005 €	2006 €	2005 €	2006 €	2005 €
Eastern Areas	10,068,965	9,899,747	4,599,825	4,572,584	14,668,790	14,472,331
Midland	1,856,158	1,874,345	1,150,020	1,126,662	3,006,178	3,001,007
Mid-Western	3,194,439	3,023,569	1,756,085	1,763,677	4,950,524	4,787,246
North Eastern	3,076,733	2,840,442	1,736,114	1,607,576	4,812,847	4,448,018
North Western	2,585,220	2,698,869	1,159,695	1,110,069	3,744,915	3,808,938
South Eastern	4,290,799	4,221,062	2,689,661	2,553,877	6,980,460	6,774,939
Southern	6,806,550	6,593,095	3,151,218	3,096,867	9,957,768	9,689,962
Western	4,415,202	4,477,946	2,911,748	2,942,514	7,326,950	7,420,460
<b>National</b>	<b>€36,294,066</b>	<b>€35,629,075</b>	<b>€19,154,366</b>	<b>€18,773,826</b>	<b>€55,448,432</b>	<b>€54,402,901</b>

Note: Dentists were also paid a total €51,832 in 2006 (€55,922 in 2005) in respect of fees under Health (Amendment) Act 1996.



**Table 7 GMS: Payment per Person**

Health Service Executive	2006			2005		
	Doctors €	Pharmacies €	Total €	Doctors €	Pharmacies €	Total €
Eastern Areas	301.29	785.64	1,086.93	332.93	727.12	1,060.05
Midland	318.22	894.65	1,212.87	353.48	833.55	1,187.03
Mid-Western	299.82	838.20	1,138.02	332.44	776.40	1,108.84
North Eastern	324.63	830.08	1,154.71	338.74	775.19	1,113.93
North Western	299.98	674.46	974.44	322.96	629.01	951.97
South Eastern	318.87	817.98	1,136.85	349.61	764.57	1,114.18
Southern	340.05	862.71	1,202.76	361.87	789.96	1,151.83
Western	326.32	796.08	1,122.40	360.71	739.60	1,100.31
<b>National</b>	<b>€314.85</b>	<b>€809.04</b>	<b>€1,123.89</b>	<b>€343.35</b>	<b>€750.04</b>	<b>€1,093.39</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**

2006 (2005 in brackets)

<b>Number of Doctors with an annual cost per eligible person of:-</b>											
<b>Health Service Executive</b>	<b>Up to €300</b>	<b>€301-€350</b>	<b>€351-€400</b>	<b>€401-€450</b>	<b>€451-€500</b>	<b>€501-€550</b>	<b>€551-€600</b>	<b>€601-€650</b>	<b>€651-€700</b>	<b>€701&amp;Over</b>	
Eastern Areas	6 (17)	2 (8)	3 (3)	9 (15)	8 (10)	12 (12)	21 (16)	14 (10)	11 (11)	491 (493)	
Midland	2 (1)	-	1 (1)	-	- (1)	-	2 (-)	1 (1)	- (1)	97 (96)	
Mid-Western	2 (3)	1 (3)	-	- (1)	2 (1)	3 (2)	2 (1)	3 (2)	9 (7)	148 (147)	
North Eastern	- (4)	- (2)	1 (2)	2 (1)	1 (3)	5 (1)	5 (2)	2 (5)	4 (2)	128 (133)	
North Western	- (2)	2 (2)	1 (-)	3 (2)	2 (2)	1 (4)	1 (1)	4 (6)	9 (9)	106 (100)	
South Eastern	5 (2)	- (1)	1 (-)	- (2)	-	2 (1)	4 (4)	7 (2)	5 (4)	191 (194)	
Southern	- (2)	-	1 (-)	- (1)	- (1)	3 (4)	2 (4)	3 (2)	9 (5)	300 (303)	
Western	- (5)	2 (2)	1 (-)	2 (-)	2 (3)	2 (4)	3 (1)	6 (3)	8 (7)	198 (202)	
<b>National</b>	<b>15 (36)</b>	<b>7 (18)</b>	<b>9 (6)</b>	<b>16 (22)</b>	<b>15 (21)</b>	<b>28 (28)</b>	<b>40 (29)</b>	<b>40 (31)</b>	<b>55 (46)</b>	<b>1,659 (1,668)</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 2006.

(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 2006		December 2005			December 2006		December 2005	
	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%	No.	%
EASTERN AREA					NORTH WESTERN				
Dublin	289,790	24.43	274,245	24.42	Donegal	71,058	48.35	68,380	49.70
Kildare	41,116	22.10	37,790	23.05	Leitrim	11,638	40.36	11,044	40.92
Wicklow	29,934	23.70	27,612	24.08	Sligo	19,956	32.76	19,491	33.49
TOTAL	360,840	24.08	339,647	24.24	TOTAL	102,652	43.38	98,915	44.40
MIDLAND					SOUTH EASTERN				
Laois	18,173	27.12	16,991	28.91	Carlow	16,840	33.37	15,443	33.56
Longford	13,091	38.10	12,545	40.38	Kilkenny	20,885	23.90	19,802	24.65
Offaly	20,726	29.36	19,597	30.78	Tipperary S.R.	29,150	35.10	28,611	36.16
Westmeath	22,329	28.12	20,990	29.21	Waterford	37,414	34.66	35,744	35.20
TOTAL	74,319	29.56	70,123	31.12	Wexford	42,679	32.43	40,020	34.32
					TOTAL	146,968	31.92	139,620	32.96
MID-WESTERN					SOUTHERN				
Clare	33,556	30.29	31,355	30.36	Cork	138,720	28.85	132,365	29.56
Limerick	54,242	29.50	49,932	28.48	Kerry	42,792	30.65	41,221	31.10
Tipperary N.R.	21,175	32.09	19,401	31.80	TOTAL	181,512	29.25	173,586	29.91
TOTAL	108,973	30.22	100,688	29.65					
NORTH EASTERN					WESTERN				
Cavan	20,939	32.74	18,958	34.25	Galway	68,451	29.63	65,758	31.45
Louth	37,809	34.09	35,134	34.51	Mayo	48,944	39.58	47,588	40.52
Meath	32,476	19.97	29,369	21.92	Roscommon	21,285	36.26	20,236	37.63
Monaghan	16,527	29.61	16,105	30.62	TOTAL	138,680	33.55	133,582	35.13
TOTAL	107,751	27.40	99,566	28.96	<b>NATIONAL</b>	<b>1,221,695</b>	<b>28.85</b>	<b>1,155,727</b>	<b>29.50</b>

Note: (i) \*The population figures for each county are taken from the Census of Population 2006. The most recent Official C.S.O. estimate of national population as at October 2006 is 4,234,925.

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

Health Service Executive	Age Classification																	
	As at December 2006																	
	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	13,983	14,864	28,847	18,283	19,351	37,634	8,675	9,128	17,803	16,663	9,716	26,379	22,820	11,394	34,214	19,006	13,497	32,503
Midland	2,594	2,686	5,280	3,731	3,823	7,554	2,009	2,043	4,052	3,753	2,535	6,288	4,023	2,318	6,341	3,928	2,898	6,826
Mid-Western	3,420	3,516	6,936	4,931	5,204	10,135	2,716	2,699	5,415	5,442	4,120	9,562	5,852	3,751	9,603	5,616	4,473	10,089
North Eastern	3,511	3,784	7,295	5,264	5,544	10,808	2,722	2,840	5,562	5,880	4,060	9,940	6,010	3,716	9,726	5,629	4,387	10,016
North Western	3,153	3,399	6,552	4,828	5,299	10,127	2,692	2,930	5,622	6,198	4,663	10,861	5,468	3,655	9,123	5,668	4,732	10,400
South Eastern	4,716	4,974	9,690	6,639	7,300	13,939	3,689	3,889	7,578	6,987	4,458	11,445	8,174	4,926	13,100	7,824	6,012	13,836
Southern	5,315	5,726	11,041	7,433	7,920	15,353	4,048	4,236	8,284	8,352	5,836	14,188	9,565	6,019	15,584	9,284	7,273	16,557
Western	3,760	4,122	7,882	5,931	6,347	12,278	3,566	3,596	7,162	6,969	5,280	12,249	6,643	4,327	10,970	6,979	5,747	12,726

<b>National</b>	40,452	43,071	83,523	57,040	60,788	117,828	30,117	31,361	61,478	60,244	40,668	100,912	68,555	40,106	108,661	63,934	49,019	112,953
<b>% of Eligible Persons</b>	3.31%	3.53%	6.84%	4.67%	4.98%	9.64%	2.47%	2.57%	5.03%	4.93%	3.33%	8.26%	5.61%	3.28%	8.89%	5.23%	4.01%	9.25%

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

Health Service Executive	Age Classification																	
	As at December 2006																	
	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	15,096	11,560	26,656	17,408	13,397	30,805	10,558	7,625	18,183	21,317	17,636	38,953	43,556	25,307	68,863	207,365	153,475	360,840
Midland	3,434	2,971	6,405	4,209	3,417	7,626	2,204	1,753	3,957	3,660	3,474	7,134	7,592	5,264	12,856	41,137	33,182	74,319
Mid-Western	5,157	4,556	9,713	6,344	5,503	11,847	3,396	2,873	6,269	5,413	5,169	10,582	11,308	7,514	18,822	59,595	49,378	108,973
North Eastern	4,897	4,277	9,174	5,967	5,134	11,101	3,140	2,514	5,654	5,174	4,782	9,956	11,201	7,318	18,519	59,395	48,356	107,751
North Western	5,250	4,952	10,202	5,976	5,696	11,672	2,847	2,731	5,578	3,801	3,745	7,546	8,777	6,192	14,969	54,658	47,994	102,652
South Eastern	7,212	6,329	13,541	8,884	7,618	16,502	4,810	4,172	8,982	7,277	6,718	13,995	14,422	9,938	24,360	80,634	66,334	146,968
Southern	8,977	7,840	16,817	10,952	9,328	20,280	6,207	5,075	11,282	9,815	8,924	18,739	20,294	13,093	33,387	100,242	81,270	181,512
Western	7,035	6,697	13,732	8,087	7,839	15,926	4,327	3,906	8,233	6,241	6,328	12,569	14,814	10,139	24,953	74,352	64,328	138,680

<b>National</b>	57,058	49,182	106,240	67,827	57,932	125,759	37,489	30,649	68,138	62,698	56,776	119,474	131,964	84,765	216,729	677,378	544,317	1,221,695
<b>% of Eligible Persons</b>	4.67%	4.03%	8.70%	5.55%	4.74%	10.29%	3.07%	2.51%	5.58%	5.13%	4.65%	9.78%	10.80%	6.94%	17.74%	55.45%	44.55%	100.00%

**Table 9.2 GMS: Percentage of Eligible Persons by Mileage Allocation**

Health Service Executive	Mileage Classification														
	As at December 2006														
	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	51.58	37.93	89.51	3.11	2.41	5.52	1.80	1.38	3.18	0.62	0.51	1.13	0.36	0.30	0.66
Midland	34.36	27.40	61.76	6.63	5.63	12.26	13.00	10.50	23.50	1.34	1.09	2.42	0.02	0.03	0.06
Mid-Western	36.81	30.31	67.12	6.59	5.48	12.06	9.91	8.31	18.22	1.10	0.93	2.03	0.29	0.28	0.56
North Eastern	34.98	27.98	62.96	7.79	6.60	14.39	11.15	9.28	20.43	1.02	0.86	1.89	0.17	0.15	0.33
North Western	26.36	22.52	48.88	9.43	8.57	18.00	12.40	11.16	23.56	3.74	3.29	7.03	1.32	1.22	2.53
South Eastern	36.56	29.80	66.36	6.81	5.82	12.63	9.87	8.17	18.04	1.43	1.18	2.61	0.20	0.16	0.36
Southern	35.50	28.21	63.71	6.92	5.81	12.72	9.52	7.84	17.36	1.95	1.74	3.69	1.33	1.18	2.52
Western	28.00	23.23	51.23	8.39	7.54	15.92	11.32	10.14	21.46	4.31	3.99	8.31	1.60	1.49	3.08
<b>National</b>	<b>38.76</b>	<b>30.35</b>	<b>69.11</b>	<b>6.19</b>	<b>5.26</b>	<b>11.45</b>	<b>8.12</b>	<b>6.84</b>	<b>14.96</b>	<b>1.72</b>	<b>1.51</b>	<b>3.22</b>	<b>0.66</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>1.26</b>

**Table 9.3 GPVC: 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 2006		December 2005			December 2006		December 2005	
	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%	No.	%
EASTERN AREA					NORTH WESTERN				
Dublin	5,688	0.48	565	0.05	Donegal	3,362	2.29	525	0.38
Kildare	1,340	0.72	73	0.04	Leitrim	540	1.87	92	0.34
Wicklow	1,121	0.89	130	0.11	Sligo	983	1.62	106	0.18
TOTAL	8,149	0.54	768	0.05	TOTAL	4,885	2.06	723	0.32
MIDLAND					SOUTH EASTERN				
Laois	1,102	1.64	55	0.09	Carlow	1,321	2.62	170	0.37
Longford	677	1.97	26	0.08	Kilkenny	1,264	1.45	164	0.20
Offaly	1,313	1.86	61	0.10	Tipperary S.R.	1,738	2.09	167	0.21
Westmeath	1,147	1.44	23	0.03	Waterford	1,494	1.38	200	0.20
TOTAL	4,239	1.69	165	0.07	Wexford	2,203	1.67	262	0.22
					TOTAL	8,020	1.74	963	0.23
MID-WESTERN					SOUTHERN				
Clare	968	0.87	129	0.12	Cork	7,647	1.59	919	0.21
Limerick	1,590	0.86	111	0.06	Kerry	2,071	1.48	326	0.25
Tipperary N.R.	731	1.11	21	0.03	TOTAL	9,718	1.57	1,245	0.21
TOTAL	3,289	0.91	261	0.08					
NORTH EASTERN					WESTERN				
Cavan	1,268	1.98	114	0.21	Galway	3,597	1.56	120	0.06
Louth	1,903	1.72	183	0.18	Mayo	2,361	1.91	180	0.15
Meath	2,302	1.42	210	0.16	Roscommon	1,152	1.96	7	0.01
Monaghan	877	1.57	141	0.27	TOTAL	7,110	1.72	307	0.08
TOTAL	6,350	1.61	648	0.19	<b>NATIONAL</b>	<b>51,760</b>	<b>1.22</b>	<b>5,080</b>	<b>0.13</b>

Note: (i) \*The population figures for each county are taken from the Census of Population 2006. The most recent Official C.S.O. estimate of national population as at October 2006 is 4,234,925.

**Table 9.4 GPVC: Number of Eligible Persons by Gender within Age Groups**

Health Service Executive	Age Classification														
	As at December 2006														
	Under 5 Years			5 - 11 Years			12 - 15 Years			16 - 24 Years			25 - 34 Years		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
Eastern Areas	486	558	1,044	663	633	1,296	300	301	601	295	175	470	652	387	1,039
Midland	270	302	572	349	342	691	171	177	348	191	140	331	353	226	579
Mid-Western	195	227	422	259	273	532	126	141	267	175	128	303	266	183	449
North Eastern	436	451	887	503	584	1,087	197	205	402	306	191	497	584	318	902
North Western	255	274	529	374	385	759	180	212	392	325	235	560	350	248	598
South Eastern	470	486	956	647	661	1,308	316	298	614	460	275	735	739	456	1,195
Southern	597	642	1,239	756	705	1,461	332	334	666	527	339	866	799	511	1,310
Western	453	463	916	553	573	1,126	255	266	521	347	252	599	595	349	944

<b>National</b>	3,162	3,403	6,565	4,104	4,156	8,260	1,877	1,934	3,811	2,626	1,735	4,361	4,338	2,678	7,016
<b>% of Eligible Persons</b>	6.11%	6.57%	12.68%	7.93%	8.03%	15.96%	3.63%	3.74%	7.36%	5.07%	3.35%	8.43%	8.38%	5.17%	13.55%



**Table 9.4 GPVC: Number of Eligible Persons by Gender within Age Groups continued**

Health Service Executive	Age Classification														
	As at December 2006														
	35 - 44 Years			45 - 54 Years			55 - 64 Years			65 - 69 Years			All		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
Eastern Areas	851	701	1,552	476	375	851	478	324	802	224	270	494	4,425	3,724	8,149
Midland	415	351	766	236	209	445	180	178	358	60	89	149	2,225	2,014	4,239
Mid-Western	346	322	668	188	176	364	113	104	217	24	43	67	1,692	1,597	3,289
North Eastern	631	625	1,256	311	276	587	270	225	495	99	138	237	3,337	3,013	6,350
North Western	463	407	870	316	288	604	217	227	444	51	78	129	2,531	2,354	4,885
South Eastern	788	668	1,456	433	399	832	384	339	723	87	114	201	4,324	3,696	8,020
Southern	964	921	1,885	605	490	1,095	496	407	903	126	167	293	5,202	4,516	9,718
Western	686	640	1,326	464	437	901	311	307	618	61	98	159	3,725	3,385	7,110

<b>National</b>	5,144	4,635	9,779	3,029	2,650	5,679	2,449	2,111	4,560	732	997	1,729	27,461	24,299	51,760
<b>% of Eligible Persons</b>	9.94%	8.95%	18.89%	5.85%	5.12%	10.97%	4.73%	4.08%	8.81%	1.41%	1.93%	3.34%	53.05%	46.95%	100.00%

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

As at December 2006 (2005 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	49	(59)	54	(49)	61	(61)	5	(3)	-		-	
South Western Area	43	(64)	47	(47)	89	(81)	44	(42)	7	(4)	3	(3)
Northern Area	41	(35)	40	(42)	69	(71)	36	(28)	9	(10)	2	(1)
Midland	18	(13)	18	(22)	45	(47)	27	(21)	1	(-)	-	
Mid-Western	29	(37)	43	(33)	78	(77)	20	(18)	7	(4)	-	
North Eastern	14	(24)	29	(30)	87	(81)	23	(19)	4	(1)	-	
North Western	13	(17)	21	(21)	52	(47)	34	(36)	11	(7)	-	
South Eastern	23	(26)	36	(39)	118	(113)	38	(28)	5	(5)	-	
Southern	80	(75)	77	(79)	146	(136)	34	(30)	4	(2)	1	(1)
Western	37	(44)	56	(55)	102	(101)	38	(29)	1	(1)	-	
<b>National</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>(394)</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>(417)</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>(815)</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>(254)</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>(34)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>(5)</b>

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

<b>Health Service Executive</b>	<b>2006 €</b>	<b>2005 €</b>
East Coast Area	28,642,651	29,687,792
South Western Area	43,178,534	45,029,291
Northern Area	38,009,490	39,192,489
Midland	24,078,414	25,206,856
Mid-Western	33,418,257	34,223,427
North Eastern	35,662,355	34,409,257
North Western	31,261,241	32,470,288
South Eastern	47,710,689	49,715,964
Southern	62,870,862	63,954,440
Western	46,196,755	49,181,284
<b>National</b>	<b>€391,029,248</b>	<b>€403,071,088</b>

**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	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
East Coast Area	4,423	3,329	2,696	2,850	2,919	2,588	9	2	26,821	23,779	36,868	32,548
South Western Area	8,700	7,959	4,857	4,470	5,827	5,542	10	13	65,833	55,608	85,227	73,592
Northern Area	6,707	6,545	2,135	2,263	7,394	5,331	7	-	49,197	43,763	65,442	57,902
Midland	10,164	8,326	2,280	2,188	3,482	7,908	8	3	42,132	37,730	58,066	56,155
Mid-Western	14,203	13,248	5,271	5,197	4,604	3,035	602	139	48,450	41,837	73,130	63,456
North Eastern*	7,378	5,202	3,029	3,031	1,668	1,442	4	3	8,759	9,254	20,838	18,932
North Western	3,229	3,226	8,000	7,933	1,709	1,673	23	32	55,764	47,054	68,725	59,918
South Eastern	8,133	8,041	5,588	5,902	3,207	3,629	10	6	91,774	81,075	108,712	98,653
Southern	31,444	24,196	13,423	13,631	5,469	5,666	1,157	1,052	155,703	141,694	207,196	186,239
Western	15,120	15,043	9,229	10,330	5,553	5,440	34	29	95,140	95,091	125,076	125,933
<b>National</b>	<b>109,501</b>	<b>95,115</b>	<b>56,508</b>	<b>57,795</b>	<b>41,832</b>	<b>42,254</b>	<b>1,864</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>639,573</b>	<b>576,885</b>	<b>849,280</b>	<b>773,328</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	
	2006 €	2005 €	2006 €	2005 €	2006 €	2005 €	2006 €	2005 €	2006 €	2005 €	2006 €	2005 €
East Coast Area	211,827	139,523	121,976	110,293	133,355	104,338	322	50	1,240,752	941,094	1,708,232	1,295,298
South Western Area	415,901	319,992	219,761	171,628	268,639	226,568	394	328	3,166,714	2,276,275	4,071,409	2,994,791
Northern Area	304,963	254,063	96,885	87,002	334,952	204,916	303	-	2,253,859	1,698,684	2,990,962	2,244,665
Midland	471,649	329,697	103,190	83,722	160,950	306,214	300	84	2,034,185	1,540,667	2,770,274	2,260,384
Mid-Western	651,983	515,529	238,662	199,258	212,026	117,936	18,323	3,659	2,309,140	1,707,605	3,430,134	2,543,987
North Eastern *	337,318	212,675	136,779	116,121	78,659	57,383	165	75	412,676	373,017	965,597	759,271
North Western	146,559	125,577	364,423	304,838	78,538	65,668	773	814	2,688,070	1,933,638	3,278,363	2,430,535
South Eastern	370,410	310,472	253,852	225,544	145,802	140,528	367	150	4,310,232	3,261,288	5,080,663	3,937,982
Southern	1,552,499	1,005,042	607,849	524,734	250,303	223,339	35,251	26,931	7,437,833	5,740,039	9,883,735	7,520,085
Western	707,821	594,490	418,423	395,881	255,652	213,902	1,352	731	4,606,907	3,898,543	5,990,155	5,103,547
<b>National</b>	<b>€5,170,930</b>	<b>€3,807,060</b>	<b>€2,561,800</b>	<b>€2,219,021</b>	<b>€1,918,876</b>	<b>€1,660,792</b>	<b>€57,550</b>	<b>€32,822</b>	<b>€30,460,368</b>	<b>€23,370,850</b>	<b>€40,169,524</b>	<b>€31,090,545</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	
	2006	2005	2006 €	2005 €
(i) Excisions/Cryotherapy/Diathermy: Skin Lesions	75,248	68,152	2,122,742	1,635,049
(ii) Suturing: Cuts and Lacerations	30,418	27,574	858,091	662,136
(iii) Hydroceles: Draining of	1,161	1,005	32,715	24,216
(iv) Haemorrhages: Dental/Nasal	2,010	1,587	56,753	38,320
(v) Veins: Recognised treatment	2,951	2,714	83,290	65,519
(vi) ECG: Tests and interpretation	56,847	49,929	1,604,122	1,198,888
(vii) Diaphragm: Instruction in the fitting of	1,044	853	29,446	20,454
(viii) Eye: Removal of Adherent foreign body	9,209	7,929	259,796	190,061
(ix) Ear/Nose/Throat: Removal of foreign body	21,441	18,378	605,107	441,448
(x) Nebuliser: Treatment in the case of acute asthmatic attack	50,496	47,775	2,139,503	1,726,807
(xi) Bladder: Catheterization	6,022	5,473	254,955	197,431
(xii) Case Conference: Convened by HSE	192	170	13,511	10,163
(xiii) Diaphragm: Advice and fitting of	740	563	35,094	23,443
(xiv) IUCD: Counselling and fitting of	6,434	4,914	489,040	326,024
(xv) Pneumococcal: Vaccination	12,339	20,337	474,463	699,646
(xvi) Influenza: Vaccination	299,769	299,094	11,582,655	9,989,318
(xvii) Pneumococcal/Influenza: Vaccination	16,286	23,885	942,133	1,204,778
(xviii) Hepatitis B: Vaccination	321	390	43,890	46,123
<b>National</b>	<b>592,928</b>	<b>580,722</b>	<b>€21,627,306</b>	<b>€18,499,824</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	3,980	112,401	7,087	199,967
(ii)	Suturing: Cuts and Lacerations	791	22,310	1,984	55,942
(iii)	Hydroceles: Draining of	55	1,556	73	2,045
(iv)	Haemorrhages: Dental/Nasal	44	1,239	111	3,134
(v)	Veins: Recognised treatment	29	815	338	9,519
(vi)	ECG: Tests and interpretation	2,759	77,791	3,531	99,540
(vii)	Diaphragm: Instruction in the fitting of	31	870	396	11,169
(viii)	Eye: Removal of Adherent foreign body	233	6,578	347	9,790
(ix)	Ear/Nose/Throat: Removal of foreign body	824	23,241	2,080	58,681
(x)	Nebuliser: Treatment in the case of acute asthmatic attack	1,139	48,184	3,510	148,643
(xi)	Bladder: Catheterization	167	7,065	185	7,846
(xii)	Case Conference: Convened by HSE	9	631	11	772
(xiii)	Diaphragm: Advice and fitting of	29	1,380	106	5,029
(xiv)	IUCD: Counselling and fitting of	460	34,937	709	53,875
(xv)	Pneumococcal: Vaccination	811	31,217	1,216	46,706
(xvi)	Influenza: Vaccination	23,105	893,081	31,664	1,221,410
(xvii)	Pneumococcal/Influenza: Vaccination	1,345	77,898	2,000	115,710
(xviii)	Hepatitis B: Vaccination	7	955	41	5,593
<b>Total</b>		<b>35,818</b>	<b>€1,342,149</b>	<b>55,389</b>	<b>€2,055,371</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	4,532	127,561	5,847	165,085
(ii) Suturing: Cuts and Lacerations	2,457	69,267	1,716	48,451
(iii) Hydroceles: Draining of	79	2,239	62	1,754
(iv) Haemorrhages: Dental/Nasal	95	2,681	54	1,524
(v) Veins: Recognised treatment	415	11,683	273	7,693
(vi) ECG: Tests and interpretation	3,723	105,048	3,999	112,943
(vii) Diaphragm: Instruction in the fitting of	48	1,356	78	2,201
(viii) Eye: Removal of Adherent foreign body	414	11,675	338	9,548
(ix) Ear/Nose/Throat: Removal of foreign body	1,274	35,976	1,436	40,502
(x) Nebuliser: Treatment in the case of acute asthmatic attack	3,043	129,015	3,264	138,269
(xi) Bladder: Catheterization	506	21,386	610	25,808
(xii) Case Conference: Convened by HSE	23	1,627	4	282
(xiii) Diaphragm: Advice and fitting of	55	2,618	123	5,817
(xiv) IUCD: Counselling and fitting of	457	34,785	620	47,095
(xv) Pneumococcal: Vaccination	1,228	47,222	999	38,243
(xvi) Influenza: Vaccination	27,939	1,080,334	25,250	975,346
(xvii) Pneumococcal/Influenza: Vaccination	1,378	79,879	1,561	90,348
(xviii) Hepatitis B: Vaccination	29	3,995	16	2,197
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,695</b>	<b>€1,768,347</b>	<b>46,250</b>	<b>€1,713,106</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	4,719	133,163	3,802	107,162
(ii) Suturing: Cuts and Lacerations	1,688	47,685	2,659	75,072
(iii) Hydroceles: Draining of	26	734	40	1,116
(iv) Haemorrhages: Dental/Nasal	126	3,550	410	11,552
(v) Veins: Recognised treatment	17	479	143	4,014
(vi) ECG: Tests and interpretation	2,049	57,821	5,127	144,734
(vii) Diaphragm: Instruction in the fitting of	41	1,155	20	565
(viii) Eye: Removal of Adherent foreign body	879	24,858	746	21,048
(ix) Ear/Nose/Throat: Removal of foreign body	1,748	49,317	1,505	42,376
(x) Nebuliser: Treatment in the case of acute asthmatic attack	1,827	77,450	4,768	201,978
(xi) Bladder: Catheterization	57	2,409	399	16,897
(xii) Case Conference: Convened by HSE	14	996	13	921
(xiii) Diaphragm: Advice and fitting of	52	2,464	18	853
(xiv) IUCD: Counselling and fitting of	650	49,442	428	32,500
(xv) Pneumococcal: Vaccination	1,354	52,043	840	32,274
(xvi) Influenza: Vaccination	31,811	1,229,462	16,884	652,549
(xvii) Pneumococcal/Influenza: Vaccination	1,777	102,865	1,056	61,005
(xviii) Hepatitis B: Vaccination	32	4,390	18	2,459
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,867</b>	<b>€1,840,283</b>	<b>38,876</b>	<b>€1,409,075</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	8,493	239,636	9,799	276,444
(ii) Suturing: Cuts and Lacerations	3,669	103,487	5,057	142,595
(iii) Hydroceles: Draining of	158	4,449	123	3,471
(iv) Haemorrhages: Dental/Nasal	318	9,014	258	7,277
(v) Veins: Recognised treatment	29	817	619	17,508
(vi) ECG: Tests and interpretation	9,046	255,322	8,883	250,507
(vii) Diaphragm: Instruction in the fitting of	95	2,691	79	2,220
(viii) Eye: Removal of Adherent foreign body	1,349	38,047	811	22,874
(ix) Ear/Nose/Throat: Removal of foreign body	2,886	81,478	2,403	67,812
(x) Nebuliser: Treatment in the case of acute asthmatic attack	7,839	331,651	7,475	316,680
(xi) Bladder: Catheterization	898	38,013	928	39,284
(xii) Case Conference: Convened by HSE	21	1,488	35	2,463
(xiii) Diaphragm: Advice and fitting of	62	2,943	58	2,755
(xiv) IUCD: Counselling and fitting of	565	42,860	1,177	89,499
(xv) Pneumococcal: Vaccination	1,025	39,479	1,295	49,804
(xvi) Influenza: Vaccination	21,381	826,344	37,645	1,454,485
(xvii) Pneumococcal/Influenza: Vaccination	1,423	82,381	1,657	95,810
(xviii) Hepatitis B: Vaccination	14	1,919	19	2,591
<b>Total</b>	<b>59,271</b>	<b>€2,102,019</b>	<b>78,321</b>	<b>€2,844,079</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	14,263	402,037	12,726	359,286
(ii) Suturing: Cuts and Lacerations	5,849	164,895	4,548	128,387
(iii) Hydroceles: Draining of	210	5,920	335	9,431
(iv) Haemorrhages: Dental/Nasal	180	5,085	414	11,697
(v) Veins: Recognised treatment	958	27,092	130	3,670
(vi) ECG: Tests and interpretation	8,453	238,560	9,277	261,856
(vii) Diaphragm: Instruction in the fitting of	196	5,528	60	1,691
(viii) Eye: Removal of Adherent foreign body	2,962	83,485	1,130	31,893
(ix) Ear/Nose/Throat: Removal of foreign body	4,436	125,230	2,849	80,494
(x) Nebuliser: Treatment in the case of acute asthmatic attack	8,406	356,529	9,225	391,104
(xi) Bladder: Catheterization	1,127	47,741	1,145	48,506
(xii) Case Conference: Convened by HSE	43	2,996	19	1,335
(xiii) Diaphragm: Advice and fitting of	197	9,344	40	1,891
(xiv) IUCD: Counselling and fitting of	1,064	80,950	304	23,097
(xv) Pneumococcal: Vaccination	1,619	62,174	1,952	75,301
(xvi) Influenza: Vaccination	49,619	1,916,190	34,471	1,333,454
(xvii) Pneumococcal/Influenza: Vaccination	2,339	135,223	1,750	101,014
(xviii) Hepatitis B: Vaccination	119	16,251	26	3,540
<b>Total</b>	<b>102,040</b>	<b>€3,685,230</b>	<b>80,401</b>	<b>€2,867,647</b>

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

<b>NATIONAL</b> 2006 (2005 in brackets)							
Doctors with panels of:-	Visiting Rate:-*						
	6 - 6.9	7 - 7.9	8 - 8.9	9 - 9.9	10 - 10.9	11 - 11.9	12 and Over
100-249	-	- (1)	1 (-)	1 (-)	-	- (1)	1 (1)
250-499	-	-	2 (1)	- (1)	-	-	1 (1)
500-999	1 (2)	1 (-)	-	-	-	- (1)	-
1,000-1,499	-	- (1)	-	-	-	-	1 (1)
Over 1,500	-	-	-	-	1 (-)	- (1)	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1 (2)</b>	<b>1 (2)</b>	<b>3 (1)</b>	<b>1 (1)</b>	<b>1 (-)</b>	<b>- (3)</b>	<b>3 (3)</b>

Note: (i) The overall visiting rate in 2006 of the Doctors who continued on a Fee-Per-Item of service contract was 10.59 (Surgery: 9.88 Domiciliary: 0.71), (2005 - Total: 10.56 Surgery: 9.50 Domiciliary: 1.06).

(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	83.56	93.99	88.94	60.66	73.87	67.45	75.08	69.21	72.07	230.68	216.85	225.59	306.10	370.31	327.48	452.45	463.46	457.02
Midland	98.83	108.92	103.96	84.30	78.54	81.39	75.10	92.30	83.77	285.28	284.65	285.02	376.47	489.48	417.78	560.35	586.85	571.60
Mid-Western	125.68	128.31	127.01	81.37	111.94	97.07	100.70	123.00	111.81	277.40	253.28	267.00	380.18	455.24	409.50	513.53	580.91	543.40
North Eastern	85.12	85.79	85.47	67.77	84.70	76.45	94.10	78.31	86.03	222.63	201.86	214.15	319.54	368.72	338.33	436.93	444.14	440.09
North Western	58.30	85.01	72.16	58.68	64.99	61.98	65.77	81.81	74.13	173.09	157.90	166.57	259.26	250.48	255.74	349.48	335.91	343.31
South Eastern	94.42	103.71	99.19	61.47	87.46	75.08	89.47	107.65	98.80	261.64	284.27	270.45	328.05	405.73	357.26	503.34	508.40	505.54
Southern	108.28	125.23	117.07	99.53	111.68	105.79	109.53	119.70	114.73	282.33	291.82	286.24	379.48	489.39	421.93	556.83	616.10	582.86
Western	111.60	103.93	107.59	71.06	73.46	72.30	67.33	97.81	82.63	232.19	227.56	230.19	351.08	463.92	395.59	460.85	517.54	486.45

<b>National</b>	€93.39	€102.52	€98.10	€70.72	€84.15	€77.65	€83.75	€92.21	€88.07	€242.52	€236.05	€239.91	€331.21	€406.40	€358.96	€476.25	€501.93	€487.39
<b>% of National Average</b>	12.13%	13.32%	12.75%	9.19%	10.93%	10.09%	10.88%	11.98%	11.44%	31.51%	30.67%	31.17%	43.04%	52.81%	46.64%	61.88%	65.22%	63.33%

**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	829.54	811.07	821.53	1,149.37	1,192.87	1,168.29	1,358.15	1,375.35	1,365.36	1,320.08	1,248.98	1,287.89	1,592.78	1,558.77	1,580.28	804.10	738.61	776.25
Midland	967.16	919.44	945.03	1,291.87	1,323.76	1,306.16	1,455.20	1,595.02	1,517.14	1,503.95	1,489.93	1,497.12	1,858.31	1,810.50	1,838.73	901.54	876.85	890.52
Mid-Western	810.24	778.83	795.51	1,130.99	1,114.15	1,123.17	1,287.26	1,275.38	1,281.81	1,321.08	1,249.23	1,285.98	1,534.89	1,553.26	1,542.23	804.69	773.37	790.50
North Eastern	731.00	737.56	734.06	1,013.54	1,065.38	1,037.52	1,243.14	1,285.95	1,262.17	1,281.91	1,282.86	1,282.37	1,533.33	1,576.07	1,550.22	739.78	717.19	729.64
North Western	564.07	544.67	554.65	862.36	823.51	843.40	1,050.37	1,050.55	1,050.46	1,122.80	1,118.75	1,120.79	1,376.15	1,324.35	1,354.72	595.83	557.60	577.96
South Eastern	804.81	810.08	807.27	1,102.96	1,130.99	1,115.90	1,302.26	1,306.30	1,304.14	1,340.39	1,314.56	1,327.99	1,610.58	1,568.97	1,593.61	799.66	776.55	789.23
Southern	865.15	860.12	862.81	1,194.63	1,182.47	1,189.04	1,335.86	1,388.61	1,359.59	1,382.15	1,319.15	1,352.15	1,529.77	1,515.64	1,524.23	864.60	832.72	850.32
Western	731.65	679.99	706.46	936.30	924.90	930.69	1,119.01	1,103.86	1,111.83	1,227.78	1,153.36	1,190.31	1,427.70	1,385.70	1,410.64	734.63	697.88	717.59

<b>National</b>	€793.60	€771.26	€783.26	€1,095.08	€1,099.43	€1,097.08	€1,285.96	€1,300.47	€1,292.49	€1,318.68	€1,266.14	€1,293.71	€1,557.37	€1,532.12	€1,547.49	€788.42	€746.19	€769.61
<b>% of National Average</b>	103.12%	100.21%	101.77%	142.29%	142.86%	142.55%	167.09%	168.98%	167.94%	171.34%	164.52%	168.10%	202.36%	199.08%	201.08%	102.45%	96.96%	100.00%

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

Health Service Executive	Number of Forms		Number of Items		Items per Form	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
East Coast Area	955,567	911,277	2,921,308	2,700,203	3.06	2.96
South Western Area	1,616,133	1,546,259	4,770,974	4,417,734	2.95	2.86
Northern Area	1,473,221	1,394,802	4,431,096	4,066,787	3.01	2.92
Midland	917,371	875,114	2,747,155	2,531,618	2.99	2.89
Mid-Western	1,291,415	1,221,813	3,810,272	3,508,363	2.95	2.87
North Eastern	1,209,638	1,144,399	3,519,481	3,256,141	2.91	2.85
North Western	980,306	924,074	2,570,902	2,367,623	2.62	2.56
South Eastern	1,746,598	1,654,962	5,055,269	4,629,133	2.89	2.80
Southern	2,262,961	2,150,993	6,564,571	6,080,556	2.90	2.83
Western	1,479,131	1,403,790	4,178,314	3,869,616	2.82	2.76
<b>National</b>	<b>13,932,341</b>	<b>13,227,483</b>	<b>40,569,342</b>	<b>37,427,774</b>	<b>2.91</b>	<b>2.83</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	
	2006 €	2005 €	2006 €	2005 €	2006 €	2005 €	2006 €	2005 €
East Coast Area	66,093,593	58,772,807	69.17	64.49	22.62	21.77	18.01	17.22
South Western Area	106,218,877	94,586,690	65.72	61.17	22.26	21.41	17.85	17.08
Northern Area	104,370,735	91,307,538	70.85	65.46	23.55	22.45	19.01	18.01
Midland	64,042,573	56,622,978	69.81	64.70	23.31	22.37	18.78	17.96
Mid-Western	85,200,409	75,207,013	65.97	61.55	22.36	21.44	17.99	17.15
North Eastern	80,035,046	70,656,822	66.16	61.74	22.74	21.70	18.28	17.36
North Western	57,801,313	51,034,241	58.96	55.23	22.48	21.56	18.14	17.30
South Eastern	113,237,612	99,276,011	64.83	59.99	22.40	21.45	17.90	17.08
Southern	150,545,463	132,492,993	66.53	61.60	22.93	21.79	18.52	17.48
Western	97,449,178	86,346,468	65.88	61.51	23.32	22.31	18.86	17.98
<b>National</b>	<b>€924,994,799</b>	<b>€816,303,561</b>	<b>€66.39</b>	<b>€61.71</b>	<b>€22.80</b>	<b>€21.81</b>	<b>€18.34</b>	<b>€17.45</b>



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

Prescription forms having:-	2006		2005	
	No. of Forms	% of Total	No. of Forms	% of Total
One Item	5,342,618	38.32	5,141,900	38.83
Two Items	2,766,437	19.84	2,668,577	20.15
Three Items	1,602,199	11.49	1,555,997	11.75
Four Items	1,114,328	7.99	1,074,998	8.12
Five Items	893,951	6.41	849,401	6.41
Six Items	805,925	5.78	743,837	5.62
Seven Items	891,042	6.39	794,361	6.00
Eight or more Items	527,203	3.78	413,129	3.12

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

Claim forms having:-	2006		2005	
	No. of Forms	% of Total	No. of Forms	% of Total
One Item	2,084,274	43.78	1,859,317	43.63
Two Items	1,011,609	21.25	908,387	21.32
Three Items	599,184	12.59	543,544	12.75
Four Items	391,966	8.23	354,705	8.32
Five Items	255,937	5.38	230,124	5.40
Six Items	162,321	3.41	143,418	3.37
Seven Items	100,100	2.1	88,445	2.08
Eight or more Items	154,906	3.25	133,694	3.14

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

Claim forms having:-	2006		2005	
	No. of Forms	% of Total	No. of Forms	% of Total
One Item	288,808	37.66	279,303	39.18
Two Items	146,459	19.10	142,300	19.96
Three Items	96,048	12.53	90,294	12.67
Four Items	74,748	9.75	67,283	9.44
Five Items	58,314	7.60	50,149	7.03
Six Items	41,592	5.42	35,312	4.95
Seven Items	27,538	3.59	22,355	3.14
Eight or more Items	33,322	4.35	25,935	3.64

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

Health Service Executive	2006		2005	
	No. of Doctors	No. of Persons	No. of Doctors	No. of Persons
Eastern Areas	-	-	1	551
Midland	9	4,358	11	4,914
Mid-Western	12	2,840	10	2,518
North Eastern	5	1,343	6	1,375
North Western	36	16,588	35	16,592
South Eastern	21	8,742	24	8,733
Southern	11	1,361	11	1,266
Western	35	19,025	37	17,859
<b>National</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>54,257</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>53,808</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>2006 €</b>	<b>2005 €</b>
Eastern Areas	3,728,197	3,946,702
Midland	873,017	917,835
Mid-Western	1,187,858	1,204,348
North Eastern	1,496,578	1,636,093
North Western	1,174,153	1,252,343
South Eastern	1,902,969	1,972,536
Southern	2,133,547	2,260,880
Western	1,817,466	1,980,845
<b>National</b>	<b>€14,313,785</b>	<b>€15,171,582</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)	2,116,596	5.20	4,642,578	0.61
2 Atorvastatin	1,213,665	2.98	47,454,284	6.28
3 Levothyroxine Sodium	671,734	1.65	1,391,861	0.18
4 Salbutamol (Inhaled)	615,809	1.51	3,443,433	0.46
5 Amlodipine	591,997	1.45	11,697,564	1.55
6 Pravastatin	579,685	1.42	23,831,666	3.15
7 Calcium, Combinations	571,902	1.41	4,642,036	0.61
8 Amoxicillin and Enzyme Inhibitor	566,908	1.39	5,273,264	0.70
9 Atenolol	560,729	1.38	2,969,127	0.39
10 Bisoprolol	554,821	1.36	5,617,310	0.74
11 Ramipril	549,271	1.35	8,695,163	1.15
12 Furosemide	549,147	1.35	651,055	0.09
13 Paracetamol	547,243	1.34	755,382	0.10
14 Warfarin	540,599	1.33	1,401,282	0.19
15 Omeprazole	516,641	1.27	25,193,646	3.33
16 Lansoprazole	487,054	1.20	18,640,303	2.47
17 Clinical Nutritional Products	449,317	1.10	33,127,117	4.38
18 Diclofenac (Systemic)	434,836	1.07	5,152,461	0.68
19 Diazepam	429,461	1.06	295,059	0.04
20 Prednisolone (Systemic)	404,065	0.99	1,393,006	0.18
21 Bendroflumethiazide	401,069	0.99	633,010	0.08
22 Esomeprazole	389,734	0.96	16,475,851	2.18
23 Nimesulide	370,331	0.91	6,127,411	0.81
24 Amoxicillin	361,989	0.89	1,737,939	0.23
25 Zopiclone	351,872	0.86	3,571,806	0.47
26 Perindopril	342,564	0.84	6,798,825	0.90
27 Metformin	340,182	0.84	1,111,506	0.15
28 Clopidogrel	314,874	0.77	17,176,002	2.27
29 Alprazolam	312,453	0.77	1,220,675	0.16
30 Diagnostic Products	310,611	0.76	12,496,696	1.65
31 Salmeterol and other drugs for obstructive airway diseases	300,669	0.74	21,363,122	2.83
32 Pantoprazole	298,251	0.73	10,101,399	1.34
33 Digoxin	297,813	0.73	254,749	0.03
34 Paracetamol, Combs. excl. Psycholeptics	297,760	0.73	1,683,123	0.22
35 Alendronic Acid	290,855	0.72	10,243,981	1.36

**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 Codeine, Combs. excl. Psycholeptics	277,253	0.68	2,411,096	0.32
37 Lactulose	273,759	0.67	1,580,889	0.21
38 Tramadol	269,703	0.66	3,965,275	0.52
39 Doxazosin	265,006	0.65	8,364,341	1.11
40 Carbocisteine	264,215	0.65	1,403,828	0.19
41 Salbutamol and other drugs for obstructive airway diseases	263,744	0.65	7,366,886	0.98
42 Beclometasone (Inhaled)	258,493	0.64	4,996,199	0.66
43 Bendroflumethiazide and Potassium	258,398	0.63	545,074	0.07
44 Zolpidem	257,564	0.63	1,768,672	0.23
45 Alginic Acid	250,576	0.62	1,369,732	0.18
46 Gliclazide	248,760	0.61	2,639,766	0.35
47 Citalopram	243,052	0.60	6,249,563	0.83
48 Lisinopril	240,031	0.59	3,764,555	0.50
49 Furosemide and Potassium-Sparing Agents	234,204	0.58	1,194,548	0.16
50 Isosorbide Mononitrate	233,870	0.57	3,188,623	0.42
51 Artificial tears and other indifferent preparations	230,003	0.57	1,040,293	0.14
52 Diclofenac (Topical)	228,557	0.56	1,424,606	0.19
53 Folic Acid	222,096	0.55	222,272	0.03
54 Temazepam	221,238	0.54	456,186	0.06
55 Venlafaxine	219,328	0.54	9,452,476	1.25
56 Ferrous Fumarate	213,923	0.53	384,457	0.05
57 Domperidone	212,439	0.52	1,146,723	0.15
58 Clarithromycin	203,506	0.50	3,936,901	0.52
59 Rosuvastatin	195,775	0.48	5,736,497	0.76
60 Escitalopram	190,109	0.47	5,724,212	0.76
61 Flurazepam	175,503	0.43	1,181,719	0.16
62 Tiotropium Bromide	162,057	0.40	8,070,205	1.07
63 Ibuprofen	159,100	0.39	592,357	0.08
64 Mefenamic Acid	157,436	0.39	791,519	0.10
65 Metoprolol	156,562	0.38	500,253	0.07
66 Olanzapine	154,519	0.38	18,058,910	2.39
67 Glyceryl Trinitrate	152,159	0.37	1,603,155	0.21
68 Allopurinol	150,997	0.37	1,056,886	0.14
69 Risedronic Acid	144,936	0.36	5,269,349	0.70
70 Simvastatin	144,513	0.36	5,042,507	0.67



**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 Needles/Syringes/Lancets	143,597	0.35	1,905,248	0.25
72 Rabeprazole	143,519	0.35	4,431,815	0.59
73 Glucosamine	142,709	0.35	4,469,030	0.59
74 Tolterodine	142,449	0.35	6,656,507	0.88
75 Cefaclor	140,765	0.35	1,169,530	0.15
76 Betamethasone (Topical)	140,669	0.35	640,139	0.08
77 Flucloxacillin	139,472	0.34	1,264,459	0.17
78 Tamsulosin	135,739	0.33	3,978,101	0.53
79 Betahistine	133,894	0.33	2,063,451	0.27
80 Losartan	132,477	0.33	3,638,339	0.48
81 Latanoprost	129,097	0.32	3,108,850	0.41
82 Drospirenone and Estrogen	128,838	0.32	889,777	0.12
83 Fluoxetine	128,316	0.32	3,772,017	0.50
84 Carbamazepine	127,903	0.31	895,801	0.12
85 Risperidone	126,486	0.31	8,373,282	1.11
86 Valsartan	126,177	0.31	3,005,005	0.40
87 Amitriptyline	125,445	0.31	119,513	0.02
88 Diltiazem	123,667	0.30	1,796,195	0.24
89 Valproic Acid	123,114	0.30	1,340,933	0.18
90 Other Osmotically Acting Laxatives	121,089	0.30	1,945,444	0.26
91 Bromazepam	119,239	0.29	656,901	0.09
92 Paroxetine	119,187	0.29	3,737,932	0.49
93 Prochlorperazine	117,596	0.29	323,255	0.04
94 Sertraline	110,366	0.27	5,209,134	0.69
95 Levonorgestrel and Estrogen (Fixed Comb. Contraceptives)	110,169	0.27	446,467	0.06
96 Mirtazapine	109,317	0.27	3,202,622	0.42
97 Ispaghula (Psylla Seeds)	108,952	0.27	469,244	0.06
98 Acetylsalicylic Acid-Aspirin (Anti-inflammatory)	108,412	0.27	140,317	0.02
99 Nifedipine	107,635	0.26	1,393,223	0.18
100 Ranitidine	102,130	0.25	2,540,917	0.34
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,234,316</b>	<b>71.83%</b>	<b>€513,347,670</b>	<b>67.93%</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	47,454,284	6.28	1,213,665	2.98
2 Clinical Nutritional Products	33,127,117	4.38	449,317	1.10
3 Omeprazole	25,193,646	3.33	516,641	1.27
4 Pravastatin	23,831,666	3.15	579,685	1.42
5 Salmeterol and other drugs for obstructive airway diseases	21,363,122	2.83	300,669	0.74
6 Lansoprazole	18,640,303	2.47	487,054	1.20
7 Olanzapine	18,058,910	2.39	154,519	0.38
8 Clopidogrel	17,176,002	2.27	314,874	0.77
9 Esomeprazole	16,475,851	2.18	389,734	0.96
10 Diagnostic Products	12,496,696	1.65	310,611	0.76
11 Amlodipine	11,697,564	1.55	591,997	1.45
12 Alendronic Acid	10,243,981	1.36	290,855	0.72
13 Pantoprazole	10,101,399	1.34	298,251	0.73
14 Donepezil	10,023,967	1.33	84,921	0.21
15 Venlafaxine	9,452,476	1.25	219,328	0.54
16 Ostomy Appliances	9,271,113	1.23	86,089	0.21
17 Ramipril	8,695,163	1.15	549,271	1.35
18 Risperidone	8,373,282	1.11	126,486	0.31
19 Doxazosin	8,364,341	1.11	265,006	0.65
20 Tiotropium Bromide	8,070,205	1.07	162,057	0.40
21 Salbutamol and other drugs for obstructive airway diseases	7,366,886	0.98	263,744	0.65
22 Perindopril	6,798,825	0.90	342,564	0.84
23 Tolterodine	6,656,507	0.88	142,449	0.35
24 Citalopram	6,249,563	0.83	243,052	0.60
25 Nimesulide	6,127,411	0.81	370,331	0.91
26 Rosuvastatin	5,736,497	0.76	195,775	0.48
27 Escitalopram	5,724,212	0.76	190,109	0.47
28 Formoterol and other drugs for obstructive airway diseases	5,634,828	0.75	96,636	0.24
29 Bisoprolol	5,617,310	0.74	554,821	1.36
30 Budesonide (Inhaled)	5,422,594	0.72	71,902	0.18
31 Amoxicillin and Enzyme Inhibitor	5,273,264	0.70	566,908	1.39
32 Risedronic Acid	5,269,349	0.70	144,936	0.36
33 Sertraline	5,209,134	0.69	110,366	0.27
34 Diclofenac (Systemic)	5,152,461	0.68	434,836	1.07
35 Pregabalin	5,096,132	0.67	54,981	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
36 Simvastatin	5,042,507	0.67	144,513	0.36
37 Beclometasone (Inhaled)	4,996,199	0.66	258,493	0.64
38 Fentanyl	4,920,668	0.65	34,984	0.09
39 Quetiapine	4,644,354	0.61	74,660	0.18
40 Acetylsalicylic Acid-Aspirin (Antithrombotic)	4,642,578	0.61	2,116,596	5.20
41 Calcium, Combinations	4,642,036	0.61	571,902	1.41
42 Lamotrigine	4,532,095	0.60	77,743	0.19
43 Glucosamine	4,469,030	0.59	142,709	0.35
44 Rabeprazole	4,431,815	0.59	143,519	0.35
45 Tamsulosin	3,978,101	0.53	135,739	0.33
46 Tramadol	3,965,275	0.52	269,703	0.66
47 Clarithromycin	3,936,901	0.52	203,506	0.50
48 Gabapentin	3,802,790	0.50	75,428	0.19
49 Urinary Appliances	3,800,516	0.50	48,555	0.12
50 Fluoxetine	3,772,017	0.50	128,316	0.32
51 Lisinopril	3,764,555	0.50	240,031	0.59
52 Paroxetine	3,737,932	0.49	119,187	0.29
53 Losartan	3,638,339	0.48	132,477	0.33
54 Zopiclone	3,571,806	0.47	351,872	0.86
55 Anastrozole	3,537,476	0.47	33,148	0.08
56 Salbutamol (Inhaled)	3,443,433	0.46	615,809	1.51
57 Mirtazapine	3,202,622	0.42	109,317	0.27
58 Isosorbide Mononitrate	3,188,623	0.42	233,870	0.57
59 Latanoprost	3,108,850	0.41	129,097	0.32
60 Nicotine (Replacement Therapy)	3,049,205	0.40	98,233	0.24
61 Valsartan	3,005,005	0.40	126,177	0.31
62 Fluticasone (Inhaled)	2,991,315	0.40	49,374	0.12
63 Atenolol	2,969,127	0.39	560,729	1.38
64 Montelukast	2,838,325	0.38	72,779	0.18
65 Gliclazide	2,639,766	0.35	248,760	0.61
66 Ranitidine	2,540,917	0.34	102,130	0.25
67 Codeine, Combs. excl. Psycholeptics	2,411,096	0.32	277,253	0.68
68 Sildenafil	2,405,622	0.32	66,772	0.16
69 Levetiracetam	2,354,816	0.31	24,771	0.06
70 Insulin Glargine, Long Acting	2,299,576	0.30	30,686	0.08

**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 Mesalazine	2,201,893	0.29	35,649	0.09
72 Candesartan	2,134,586	0.28	91,531	0.22
73 Ondansetron	2,119,054	0.28	12,169	0.03
74 Orlistat	2,119,035	0.28	32,491	0.08
75 Rosiglitazone	2,115,784	0.28	38,887	0.10
76 Betahistine	2,063,451	0.27	133,894	0.33
77 Alfuzosin	1,969,990	0.26	65,152	0.16
78 Other Osmotically Acting Laxatives	1,945,444	0.26	121,089	0.30
79 Valsartan and Diuretics	1,937,308	0.26	75,722	0.19
80 Needles/Syringes/Lancets	1,905,248	0.25	143,597	0.35
81 Buprenorphine	1,899,918	0.25	27,277	0.07
82 Diltiazem	1,796,195	0.24	123,667	0.30
83 Oxycodone	1,794,603	0.24	47,262	0.12
84 Ciprofloxacin	1,787,210	0.24	90,681	0.22
85 Telmisartan	1,774,191	0.24	69,616	0.17
86 Zolpidem	1,768,672	0.23	257,564	0.63
87 Captopril	1,764,396	0.23	97,447	0.24
88 Insulin Aspart, Fast Acting	1,758,008	0.23	30,528	0.08
89 Ezetimibe	1,747,786	0.23	42,596	0.10
90 Amoxicillin	1,737,939	0.23	361,989	0.89
91 Paracetamol, Combs. excl. Psycholeptics	1,683,123	0.22	297,760	0.73
92 Sevelamer	1,673,574	0.22	9,461	0.02
93 Insulin (Human), Comb. Intermediate/Fast Acting	1,639,664	0.22	29,704	0.07
94 Aripiprazole	1,614,048	0.21	8,883	0.02
95 Glyceryl Trinitrate	1,603,155	0.21	152,159	0.37
96 Lactulose	1,580,889	0.21	273,759	0.67
97 Terbinafine (Systemic)	1,545,531	0.20	28,162	0.07
98 Insulin Detemir, Long Acting	1,510,142	0.20	18,836	0.05
99 Calcipotriol, Combinations	1,486,740	0.20	16,305	0.04
100 Simvastatin, Combinations	1,469,975	0.19	27,532	0.07
<b>Total</b>	<b>€595,868,901</b>	<b>78.84%</b>	<b>21,984,647</b>	<b>54.02%</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)	571,225	4.81	1,317,574	0.50
2 Atorvastatin	520,209	4.38	21,464,057	8.06
3 Salbutamol (Inhaled)	262,868	2.21	1,331,143	0.50
4 Levothyroxine Sodium	246,680	2.08	538,343	0.20
5 Amoxicillin and Enzyme Inhibitor	203,656	1.72	1,957,135	0.74
6 Pravastatin	187,691	1.58	8,239,895	3.10
7 Diclofenac (Systemic)	186,996	1.58	2,264,234	0.85
8 Bisoprolol	180,764	1.52	1,916,805	0.72
9 Esomeprazole	179,116	1.51	7,998,838	3.01
10 Calcium, Combinations	177,121	1.49	1,561,717	0.59
11 Omeprazole	176,225	1.48	9,751,921	3.66
12 Atenolol	176,043	1.48	983,536	0.37
13 Amlodipine	172,133	1.45	3,526,750	1.32
14 Salmeterol and other drugs for obstructive airway diseases	160,489	1.35	11,048,579	4.15
15 Ramipril	141,395	1.19	2,364,424	0.89
16 Lansoprazole	141,088	1.19	5,858,481	2.20
17 Prednisolone (Systemic)	139,173	1.17	571,131	0.21
18 Nimesulide	137,346	1.16	2,223,843	0.84
19 Rosuvastatin	119,894	1.01	3,582,635	1.35
20 Venlafaxine	109,886	0.93	5,098,050	1.92
21 Clarithromycin	109,358	0.92	2,279,206	0.86
22 Paracetamol, Combs. excl. Psycholeptics	104,836	0.88	722,791	0.27
23 Clinical Nutritional Products	102,598	0.86	4,262,980	1.60
24 Perindopril	97,253	0.82	2,057,117	0.77
25 Bendroflumethiazide	96,383	0.81	151,486	0.06
26 Warfarin	93,528	0.79	261,849	0.10
27 Clopidogrel	88,206	0.74	4,893,750	1.84
28 Alprazolam	86,834	0.73	353,208	0.13
29 Alendronic Acid	85,641	0.72	3,031,120	1.14
30 Beclometasone (Inhaled)	85,490	0.72	1,598,240	0.60
31 Amoxicillin	85,186	0.72	496,111	0.19
32 Pantoprazole	84,816	0.71	3,048,930	1.15
33 Zopiclone	83,445	0.70	920,302	0.35
34 Escitalopram	81,998	0.69	2,706,837	1.02
35 Doxazosin	80,601	0.68	2,629,460	0.99

**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 Citalopram	76,360	0.64	2,244,659	0.84
37 Zolpidem	73,240	0.62	543,208	0.20
38 Diazepam	73,085	0.62	44,478	0.02
39 Formoterol and other drugs for obstructive airway diseases	70,371	0.59	4,128,113	1.55
40 Lisinopril	65,976	0.56	1,109,618	0.42
41 Tramadol	65,952	0.56	1,024,625	0.38
42 Montelukast	63,943	0.54	2,549,105	0.96
43 Glucosamine	62,801	0.53	2,004,201	0.75
44 Folic Acid	62,434	0.53	67,359	0.03
45 Bendroflumethiazide and Potassium	58,145	0.49	122,817	0.05
46 Domperidone	55,516	0.47	317,192	0.12
47 Alginic Acid	54,597	0.46	329,903	0.12
48 Allopurinol	53,884	0.45	432,770	0.16
49 Carbocisteine	53,422	0.45	301,002	0.11
50 Valsartan	53,076	0.45	1,282,594	0.48
51 Paracetamol	52,940	0.45	81,787	0.03
52 Simvastatin	51,191	0.43	1,928,462	0.72
53 Mefenamic Acid	50,192	0.42	253,262	0.10
54 Drospirenone and Estrogen	49,976	0.42	347,829	0.13
55 Fluoxetine	49,952	0.42	1,744,101	0.65
56 Losartan	49,382	0.42	1,391,407	0.52
57 Fluticasone (Nasal)	49,337	0.42	804,759	0.30
58 Sertraline	49,147	0.41	2,548,822	0.96
59 Diclofenac (Topical)	48,727	0.41	327,415	0.12
60 Risedronic Acid	48,726	0.41	1,777,542	0.67
61 Estradiol	48,321	0.41	445,554	0.17
62 Cefaclor	47,969	0.40	410,844	0.15
63 Paroxetine	46,812	0.39	1,543,177	0.58
64 Furosemide	45,976	0.39	61,846	0.02
65 Cetirizine	44,904	0.38	454,406	0.17
66 Betamethasone (Topical)	43,565	0.37	217,272	0.08
67 Nebivolol	43,525	0.37	656,666	0.25
68 Artificial Tears and other indifferent preparations	43,293	0.36	258,588	0.10
69 Mometasone	42,542	0.36	674,280	0.25
70 Terbinafine (Systemic)	41,962	0.35	2,465,341	0.93

**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 Metoprolol	40,401	0.34	135,974	0.05
72 Valsartan and Diuretics	39,859	0.34	1,032,798	0.39
73 Candesartan	37,863	0.32	893,457	0.34
74 Olanzapine	37,631	0.32	3,624,611	1.36
75 Salbutamol and other drugs for obstructive airway diseases	37,595	0.32	665,085	0.25
76 Lithium	37,189	0.31	89,845	0.03
77 Codeine, Combs. excl. Psycholeptics	37,120	0.31	296,502	0.11
78 Mesalazine	36,917	0.31	2,756,172	1.03
79 Methotrexate	36,607	0.31	151,396	0.06
80 Amitriptyline	36,418	0.31	42,002	0.02
81 Fluticasone (Inhaled)	35,849	0.30	1,472,455	0.55
82 Flucloxacillin	35,805	0.30	337,863	0.13
83 Bromazepam	35,547	0.30	191,842	0.07
84 Desloratadine	33,236	0.28	375,787	0.14
85 Ostomy Appliances	32,820	0.28	2,951,899	1.11
86 Telmisartan	32,705	0.28	837,400	0.31
87 Levonorgestrel and Estrogen (Fixed Comb. Contraceptives)	32,503	0.27	138,889	0.05
88 Cyproterone and Estrogen	32,350	0.27	219,993	0.08
89 Rabeprazole	31,994	0.27	1,033,221	0.39
90 Sildenafil	31,475	0.27	1,043,540	0.39
91 Ezetimibe	30,748	0.26	1,265,353	0.48
92 Tiotropium Bromide	30,737	0.26	1,536,152	0.58
93 Ciprofloxacin	30,666	0.26	690,691	0.26
94 Diltiazem	30,212	0.25	464,335	0.17
95 Fluconazole	30,181	0.25	604,331	0.23
96 Antifungal Combs. (Topical)	29,931	0.25	104,975	0.04
97 Tadalafil	29,879	0.25	906,871	0.34
98 Atenolol and other Diuretics	29,711	0.25	281,638	0.11
99 Raloxifene	28,676	0.24	877,123	0.33
100 Doxycycline	28,362	0.24	302,099	0.11
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,458,399</b>	<b>71.25%</b>	<b>€183,231,781</b>	<b>68.85%</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	21,464,057	8.06	520,209	4.38
2 Salmeterol and other drugs for obstructive airway diseases	11,048,579	4.15	160,489	1.35
3 Omeprazole	9,751,921	3.66	176,225	1.48
4 Pravastatin	8,239,895	3.10	187,691	1.58
5 Esomeprazole	7,998,838	3.01	179,116	1.51
6 Follitropin Beta	6,164,604	2.32	6,557	0.06
7 Lansoprazole	5,858,481	2.20	141,088	1.19
8 Venlafaxine	5,098,050	1.92	109,886	0.93
9 Clopidogrel	4,893,750	1.84	88,206	0.74
10 Clinical Nutritional Products	4,262,980	1.60	102,598	0.86
11 Formoterol and other drugs for obstructive airway diseases	4,128,113	1.55	70,371	0.59
12 Olanzapine	3,624,611	1.36	37,631	0.32
13 Rosuvastatin	3,582,635	1.35	119,894	1.01
14 Amlodipine	3,526,750	1.32	172,133	1.45
15 Pantoprazole	3,048,930	1.15	84,816	0.71
16 Alendronic Acid	3,031,120	1.14	85,641	0.72
17 Ostomy Appliances	2,951,899	1.11	32,820	0.28
18 Mesalazine	2,756,172	1.03	36,917	0.31
19 Escitalopram	2,706,837	1.02	81,998	0.69
20 Doxazosin	2,629,460	0.99	80,601	0.68
21 Montelukast	2,549,105	0.96	63,943	0.54
22 Sertraline	2,548,822	0.96	49,147	0.41
23 Terbinafine (Systemic)	2,465,341	0.93	41,962	0.35
24 Ramipril	2,364,424	0.89	141,395	1.19
25 Clarithromycin	2,279,206	0.86	109,358	0.92
26 Diclofenac (Systemic)	2,264,234	0.85	186,996	1.58
27 Citalopram	2,244,659	0.84	76,360	0.64
28 Nimesulide	2,223,843	0.84	137,346	1.16
29 Perindopril	2,057,117	0.77	97,253	0.82
30 Glucosamine	2,004,201	0.75	62,801	0.53
31 Amoxicillin and Enzyme Inhibitor	1,957,135	0.74	203,656	1.72
32 Simvastatin	1,928,462	0.72	51,191	0.43
33 Bisoprolol	1,916,805	0.72	180,764	1.52
34 Calcipotriol, Combinations	1,898,848	0.71	18,409	0.16
35 Pregabalin	1,885,414	0.71	19,531	0.16



**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	1,777,542	0.67	48,726	0.41
37 IUCD with Progestogen	1,771,898	0.66	13,963	0.12
38 Fluoxetine	1,744,101	0.65	49,952	0.42
39 Beclometasone (Inhaled)	1,598,240	0.60	85,490	0.72
40 Calcium, Combinations	1,561,717	0.59	177,121	1.49
41 Paroxetine	1,543,177	0.58	46,812	0.39
42 Orlistat	1,542,441	0.58	23,130	0.19
43 Tiotropium Bromide	1,536,152	0.58	30,737	0.26
44 Fluticasone (Inhaled)	1,472,455	0.55	35,849	0.30
45 Anastrozole	1,417,878	0.53	13,121	0.11
46 Losartan	1,391,407	0.52	49,382	0.42
47 Salbutamol (Inhaled)	1,331,143	0.50	262,868	2.21
48 Acetylsalicylic Acid-Aspirin (Antithrombotic)	1,317,574	0.50	571,225	4.81
49 Valsartan	1,282,594	0.48	53,076	0.45
50 Ezetimibe	1,265,353	0.48	30,748	0.26
51 Budesonide (Inhaled)	1,188,234	0.45	27,026	0.23
52 Isotretinoin	1,162,030	0.44	16,831	0.14
53 Gabapentin	1,156,622	0.43	20,244	0.17
54 Simvastatin, Combinations	1,152,238	0.43	21,373	0.18
55 Azathioprine	1,116,957	0.42	26,062	0.22
56 Lisinopril	1,109,618	0.42	65,976	0.56
57 Tolterodine	1,105,836	0.42	23,026	0.19
58 Risperidone	1,074,437	0.40	17,057	0.14
59 Sibutramine	1,058,252	0.40	16,478	0.14
60 Famciclovir	1,055,901	0.40	7,789	0.07
61 Sumatriptan	1,053,128	0.39	19,338	0.16
62 Sildenafil	1,043,540	0.39	31,475	0.27
63 Rabeprazole	1,033,221	0.39	31,994	0.27
64 Valsartan and Diuretics	1,032,798	0.39	39,859	0.34
65 Quetiapine	1,028,166	0.39	14,653	0.12
66 Fentanyl	1,027,070	0.38	4,562	0.04
67 Tramadol	1,024,625	0.38	65,952	0.56
68 Lamotrigine	995,603	0.37	21,958	0.18
69 Atenolol	983,536	0.37	176,043	1.48
70 Zopiclone	920,302	0.35	83,445	0.70

**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 Tadalafil	906,871	0.34	29,879	0.25
72 Urinary Appliances	898,720	0.34	8,087	0.07
73 Candesartan	893,457	0.34	37,863	0.32
74 Raloxifene	877,123	0.33	28,676	0.24
75 Telmisartan	837,400	0.31	32,705	0.28
76 Fluticasone (Nasal)	804,759	0.30	49,338	0.42
77 Ondansetron	783,077	0.29	5,885	0.05
78 Proguanil, Combinations	761,419	0.29	9,606	0.08
79 Etoricoxib	752,112	0.28	22,485	0.19
80 Tacrolimus (Topical)	748,265	0.28	10,601	0.09
81 Ranitidine	725,616	0.27	25,433	0.21
82 Paracetamol, Combs. excl. Psycholeptics	722,791	0.27	104,836	0.88
83 Tamsulosin	718,623	0.27	24,314	0.20
84 Calcipotriol	716,844	0.27	17,311	0.15
85 Duloxetine	716,543	0.27	17,917	0.15
86 Zolmitriptan	694,756	0.26	16,155	0.14
87 Ciprofloxacin	690,691	0.26	30,666	0.26
88 Mometasone	674,280	0.25	42,542	0.36
89 Salbutamol and other drugs for obstructive airway diseases	665,085	0.25	37,595	0.32
90 Mirtazapine	662,634	0.25	21,962	0.18
91 Nebivolol	656,666	0.25	43,525	0.37
92 Aciclovir (Systemic)	636,821	0.24	6,880	0.06
93 Tinzaparin	621,818	0.23	3,357	0.03
94 Fluconazole	604,331	0.23	30,181	0.25
95 Olmesartan Medoxomil	586,504	0.22	26,747	0.23
96 Losartan and Diuretics	584,661	0.22	21,112	0.18
97 Progesterone	583,082	0.22	6,300	0.05
98 Strontium Ranelate	577,739	0.22	12,278	0.10
99 Minocycline	577,181	0.22	27,023	0.23
100 Prednisolone (Systemic)	571,131	0.21	139,173	1.17
<b>Total</b>	<b>€214,482,084</b>	<b>80.59%</b>	<b>7,028,772</b>	<b>59.20%</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	239,304	11.05	11,903,806	17.89
2 Acetylsalicylic Acid-Aspirin (Antithrombotic)	175,509	8.11	409,383	0.62
3 Metformin	164,171	7.58	575,462	0.86
4 Atorvastatin	127,816	5.90	5,186,507	7.79
5 Needles/Syringes/Lancets	115,798	5.35	1,669,594	2.51
6 Gliclazide	95,763	4.42	1,102,215	1.66
7 Insulin Aspart, Fast Acting	63,704	2.94	3,766,283	5.66
8 Ramipril	62,443	2.88	1,061,300	1.59
9 Valproic Acid	45,537	2.10	571,233	0.86
10 Carbamazepine	45,152	2.09	406,500	0.61
11 Insulin Glargine, Long Acting	38,668	1.79	2,983,895	4.48
12 Perindopril	37,633	1.74	873,927	1.31
13 Lamotrigine	36,867	1.70	2,620,778	3.94
14 Amlodipine	36,272	1.68	778,014	1.17
15 Pravastatin	33,959	1.57	1,487,994	2.24
16 Clinical Nutritional Products	30,178	1.39	3,429,039	5.15
17 Insulin Detemir, Long Acting	25,529	1.18	2,046,393	3.07
18 Phenytoin	23,886	1.10	68,543	0.10
19 Atenolol	23,654	1.09	139,815	0.21
20 Bisoprolol	23,157	1.07	252,565	0.38
21 Lisinopril	22,075	1.02	390,138	0.59
22 Rosiglitazone	20,788	0.96	1,170,197	1.76
23 Doxazosin	20,203	0.93	717,273	1.08
24 Rosuvastatin	17,937	0.83	539,661	0.81
25 Insulin (Human), Comb. Intermediate/Fast Acting	17,910	0.83	935,372	1.41
26 Levetiracetam	14,089	0.65	1,432,865	2.15
27 Metformin and Rosiglitazone	13,750	0.64	727,778	1.09
28 Glimepiride	13,450	0.62	150,053	0.23
29 Levothyroxine Sodium	13,367	0.62	30,587	0.05
30 Insulin (Human), Intermediate Acting	12,791	0.59	487,925	0.73
31 Clopidogrel	12,593	0.58	702,254	1.06
32 Losartan	12,416	0.57	363,131	0.55
33 Folic Acid	11,408	0.53	12,565	0.02
34 Bendroflumethiazide	10,716	0.49	16,390	0.02
35 Valsartan	10,309	0.48	253,254	0.38

**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 Furosemide	10,029	0.46	16,815	0.03
37 Phenobarbital	9,708	0.45	24,489	0.04
38 Simvastatin	9,620	0.44	368,883	0.55
39 Insulin Lispro, Fast Acting	9,090	0.42	523,636	0.79
40 Insulin Aspart, Comb. Intermediate/Fast Acting	8,906	0.41	606,539	0.91
41 Pancreatic Enzymes	7,781	0.36	885,071	1.33
42 Candesartan	7,490	0.35	180,781	0.27
43 Insulin (Human), Fast Acting	7,163	0.33	245,079	0.37
44 Topiramate	7,046	0.33	552,233	0.83
45 Levodopa and Decarboxylase Inhibitor	6,786	0.31	130,568	0.20
46 Nebivolol	6,641	0.31	104,759	0.16
47 Glucagon	6,593	0.31	194,350	0.29
48 Warfarin	6,085	0.28	18,148	0.03
49 Glibenclamide	6,010	0.28	48,703	0.07
50 Metoprolol	5,928	0.27	21,503	0.03
51 Omeprazole	5,439	0.25	272,149	0.41
52 Telmisartan	5,327	0.25	138,877	0.21
53 Bendroflumethiazide and Potassium	5,240	0.24	11,228	0.02
54 Urinary Appliances	5,189	0.24	557,711	0.84
55 Insulin Infusion Set	5,159	0.24	684,544	1.03
56 Sildenafil	5,153	0.24	163,771	0.25
57 Gabapentin	5,074	0.24	343,265	0.52
58 Irbesartan	4,912	0.23	130,671	0.20
59 Enalapril	4,879	0.23	88,369	0.13
60 Valsartan and Diuretics	4,848	0.22	128,704	0.19
61 Baclofen	4,433	0.21	74,284	0.11
62 Indapamide	4,432	0.20	35,202	0.05
63 Captopril	4,394	0.20	96,846	0.15
64 Perindopril and Diuretics	4,350	0.20	110,620	0.17
65 Tadalafil	4,190	0.19	126,889	0.19
66 Diltiazem	4,143	0.19	65,832	0.10
67 Lisinopril and Diuretics	4,126	0.19	80,923	0.12
68 Salbutamol (Inhaled)	4,080	0.19	35,172	0.05
69 Quinapril	4,023	0.19	66,969	0.10
70 Acetylsalicylic Acid-Aspirin (Anti-inflammatory)	4,003	0.18	5,945	0.01

**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 Selegiline	3,950	0.18	139,658	0.21
72 Vitamin A and D in Combination	3,822	0.18	74,954	0.11
73 Evening Primrose Oil (Naudicelle)	3,803	0.18	105,687	0.16
74 Pramipexole	3,713	0.17	653,763	0.98
75 Olmesartan Medoxomil	3,710	0.17	81,811	0.12
76 Amoxicillin and Enzyme Inhibitor	3,562	0.16	46,782	0.07
77 Lansoprazole	3,531	0.16	151,500	0.23
78 Isosorbide Mononitrate	3,487	0.16	47,471	0.07
79 Nifedipine	3,379	0.16	50,333	0.08
80 Ezetimibe	3,255	0.15	134,287	0.20
81 Calcium, Combinations	3,138	0.14	29,184	0.04
82 Lercanidipine	3,094	0.14	48,171	0.07
83 Diazepam	2,963	0.14	9,493	0.01
84 Atenolol and other Diuretics	2,933	0.14	29,895	0.04
85 Esomeprazole	2,897	0.13	125,569	0.19
86 Clobazam	2,869	0.13	16,157	0.02
87 Fenofibrate	2,776	0.13	60,585	0.09
88 Paracetamol	2,751	0.13	9,753	0.01
89 Clonazepam	2,585	0.12	19,953	0.03
90 Oxcarbazepine	2,586	0.12	81,241	0.12
91 Dressings	2,567	0.12	80,002	0.12
92 Furosemide and Potassium-Sparing Agents	2,519	0.12	13,764	0.02
93 Glyceryl Trinitrate	2,481	0.11	20,591	0.03
94 Flucloxacillin	2,471	0.11	63,571	0.10
95 Tolterodine	2,438	0.11	118,779	0.18
96 Eprosartan	2,412	0.11	56,977	0.09
97 Omega-3-Triglycerides	2,397	0.11	61,584	0.09
98 Digoxin	2,393	0.11	2,000	0.00
99 Ropinirole	2,350	0.11	300,585	0.45
100 Colistin (Parenteral)	2,305	0.11	328,497	0.49
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,966,209</b>	<b>90.81%</b>	<b>€59,364,814</b>	<b>89.20%</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	11,903,806	17.89	239,304	11.05
2 Atorvastatin	5,186,507	7.79	127,816	5.90
3 Insulin Aspart, Fast Acting	3,766,283	5.66	63,704	2.94
4 Clinical Nutritional Products	3,429,039	5.15	30,178	1.39
5 Insulin Glargine, Long Acting	2,983,895	4.48	38,668	1.79
6 Lamotrigine	2,620,778	3.94	36,867	1.70
7 Insulin Detemir, Long Acting	2,046,393	3.07	25,529	1.18
8 Needles/Syringes/Lancets	1,669,594	2.51	115,798	5.35
9 Pravastatin	1,487,994	2.24	33,959	1.57
10 Levetiracetam	1,432,865	2.15	14,089	0.65
11 Rosiglitazone	1,170,197	1.76	20,788	0.96
12 Gliclazide	1,102,215	1.66	95,763	4.42
13 Ramipril	1,061,300	1.59	62,443	2.88
14 Insulin (Human), Comb. Intermediate/Fast Acting	935,372	1.41	17,910	0.83
15 Pancreatic Enzymes	885,071	1.33	7,781	0.36
16 Perindopril	873,927	1.31	37,633	1.74
17 Amlodipine	778,014	1.17	36,272	1.68
18 Apomorphine	728,449	1.09	938	0.04
19 Metformin and Rosiglitazone	727,778	1.09	13,750	0.64
20 Doxazosin	717,273	1.08	20,203	0.93
21 Clopidogrel	702,254	1.06	12,593	0.58
22 Insulin Infusion Sets	684,544	1.03	5,159	0.24
23 Pramipexole	653,763	0.98	3,713	0.17
24 Insulin Aspart, Comb. Intermediate/Fast Acting	606,539	0.91	8,906	0.41
25 Metformin	575,462	0.86	164,171	7.58
26 Valproic Acid	571,233	0.86	45,537	2.10
27 Urinary Appliances	557,711	0.84	5,189	0.24
28 Topiramate	552,233	0.83	7,046	0.33
29 Rosuvastatin	539,661	0.81	17,937	0.83
30 Insulin Lispro, Fast Acting	523,636	0.79	9,090	0.42
31 Insulin (Human), Intermediate Acting	487,925	0.73	12,791	0.59
32 Acetylsalicylic Acid-Aspirin (Antithrombotic)	409,383	0.62	175,509	8.11
33 Carbamazepine	406,500	0.61	45,152	2.09
34 Lisinopril	390,138	0.59	22,075	1.02
35 Simvastatin	368,883	0.55	9,620	0.44

**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 Losartan	363,131	0.55	12,416	0.57
37 Gabapentin	343,265	0.52	5,074	0.24
38 Colistin (Parenteral)	328,497	0.49	2,305	0.11
39 Nutritional/Ancillary Devices	324,585	0.49	1,863	0.09
40 Ropinirole	300,585	0.45	2,350	0.11
41 Omeprazole	272,149	0.41	5,439	0.25
42 Metamfetamine	257,348	0.39	2,025	0.09
43 Valsartan	253,254	0.38	10,309	0.48
44 Bisoprolol	252,565	0.38	23,157	1.07
45 Insulin (Human), Fast Acting	245,079	0.37	7,163	0.33
46 Pregabalin	241,577	0.36	2,283	0.11
47 Glucagon	194,350	0.29	6,593	0.31
48 Candesartan	180,781	0.27	7,490	0.35
49 Sildenafil	163,771	0.25	5,153	0.24
50 Lansoprazole	151,500	0.23	3,531	0.16
51 Azithromycin	150,728	0.23	2,210	0.10
52 Glimepiride	150,053	0.22	13,450	0.62
53 Atenolol	139,815	0.21	23,654	1.09
54 Selegiline	139,658	0.21	3,950	0.18
55 Orlistat	138,938	0.21	2,089	0.10
56 Telmisartan	138,877	0.21	5,327	0.25
57 Tizanidine	137,100	0.21	1,336	0.06
58 Ezetimibe	134,287	0.20	3,255	0.15
59 Irbesartan	130,671	0.20	4,912	0.23
60 Levodopa and Decarboxylase Inhibitor	130,568	0.20	6,786	0.31
61 Valsartan and Diuretics	128,704	0.19	4,848	0.22
62 Tadalafil	126,889	0.19	4,190	0.19
63 Esomeprazole	125,569	0.19	2,897	0.13
64 Tolterodine	118,779	0.18	2,438	0.11
65 Desmopressin	117,720	0.18	1,886	0.09
66 Alimentary Tract/Metabolism, Various Products	116,006	0.17	1,562	0.07
67 Meropenem	112,700	0.17	62	0.00
68 Perindopril and Diuretics	110,620	0.17	4,350	0.20
69 Ostomy Appliances	110,354	0.17	1,130	0.05
70 Zonisamide	106,141	0.16	1,006	0.05

**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 Evening Primrose Oil (Naudicelle)	105,687	0.16	3,803	0.18
72 Nebivolol	104,759	0.16	6,641	0.31
73 Simvastatin, Combinations	103,374	0.15	1,928	0.09
74 Salmeterol and other drugs for obstructive airway diseases	101,405	0.15	1,330	0.06
75 Captopril	96,846	0.15	4,394	0.20
76 Enalapril	88,369	0.13	4,879	0.23
77 Modafinil	84,438	0.13	504	0.02
78 Insulin Combinations, Intermediate/Fast Acting	83,010	0.12	1,361	0.06
79 Olmesartan Medoxomil	81,811	0.12	3,710	0.17
80 Oxcarbazepine	81,241	0.12	2,586	0.12
81 Ciprofloxacin	81,092	0.12	1,532	0.07
82 Lisinopril and Diuretics	80,923	0.12	4,126	0.19
83 Dressings	80,002	0.12	2,567	0.12
84 Risperidone	76,498	0.11	1,255	0.06
85 Vitamin A and D in Combination	74,954	0.11	3,822	0.18
86 Baclofen	74,284	0.11	4,433	0.21
87 Entacapone	74,206	0.11	749	0.04
88 Phenytoin	68,543	0.10	23,886	1.10
89 Quinapril	66,969	0.10	4,023	0.19
90 Diltiazem	65,832	0.10	4,143	0.19
91 Gemfibrozil	64,644	0.10	2,016	0.09
92 Flucloxacillin	63,571	0.10	2,471	0.11
93 Pantoprazole	62,142	0.09	1,814	0.08
94 Omega-3-Triglycerides	61,584	0.09	2,397	0.11
95 Vigabatrin	60,954	0.09	1,045	0.05
96 Fenofibrate	60,585	0.09	2,776	0.13
97 Repaglinide	60,492	0.09	1,809	0.08
98 Budesonide (Inhaled)	60,377	0.09	736	0.03
99 Losartan and Diuretics	59,505	0.09	2,027	0.09
100 Cabergoline	58,509	0.09	293	0.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>€62,259,835</b>	<b>93.55%</b>	<b>1,871,426</b>	<b>86.43%</b>



**Table 19.7 HTD: The Most Commonly Prescribed Products in the Order of their Prescribing Frequency**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Prescribing Frequency</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>	<b>Ingredient Cost €</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>
1	Bicalutamide	21,678	8.72	4,078,758	2.43
2	Ciclosporin	19,435	7.82	2,564,056	1.53
3	Etanercept	18,545	7.46	20,865,561	12.45
4	Tacrolimus	16,753	6.74	5,086,286	3.04
5	Erythropoietin	16,675	6.71	13,367,750	7.98
6	Mycophenolic Acid	15,149	6.09	3,379,992	2.02
7	Adalimumab	14,473	5.82	18,173,145	10.85
8	Darbepoetin alfa	12,696	5.11	6,207,141	3.71
9	Interferon beta-1a	12,244	4.92	12,967,664	7.74
10	Leuprorelin	10,589	4.26	4,948,236	2.95
11	Triptorelin	9,520	3.83	3,069,081	1.83
12	Interferon beta-1b	8,163	3.28	9,644,425	5.76
13	Somatropin	6,939	2.79	4,952,382	2.96
14	Teriparatide	6,378	2.57	2,920,222	1.74
15	Goserelin	6,053	2.43	2,031,455	1.21
16	Pegfilgrastim	5,713	2.30	7,333,812	4.38
17	Filgrastim	4,569	1.84	3,305,018	1.97
18	Capecitabine	3,985	1.60	1,042,936	0.62
19	Dornase alfa	3,658	1.47	3,310,474	1.98
20	Glatiramer Acetate	3,130	1.26	3,801,522	2.27
21	Cinacalcet	2,980	1.20	1,070,835	0.64
22	Imatinib	2,191	0.88	6,111,131	3.65
23	Octreotide	2,013	0.81	2,130,786	1.27
24	Riluzole	1,690	0.68	561,046	0.33
25	Tobramycin	1,506	0.61	3,322,227	1.98
26	Ibandronic Acid	1,380	0.56	391,311	0.23
27	Temozolomide	1,337	0.54	1,367,054	0.82
28	Bosentan	1,208	0.49	3,773,299	2.25
29	Peginterferon alfa-2a	1,170	0.47	1,221,630	0.73
30	Linezolid	1,151	0.46	1,739,654	1.04
31	Ribavirin	1,125	0.45	773,110	0.46
32	Sirolimus	972	0.39	302,297	0.18
33	Nafarelin	957	0.38	151,895	0.09
34	Palivizumab	930	0.37	992,028	0.59
35	Fulvestrant	914	0.37	466,733	0.28

Note: Based on the data available from claims submitted, the ingredient cost shown is the gross cost before discount.

**Table 19.7 HTD: The Most Commonly Prescribed Products in the Order of their Prescribing Frequency continued**

Name	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total	Ingredient Cost €	% of Scheme Total
36 Interferon alfa-2b	818	0.33	565,878	0.34
37 Flutamide	704	0.28	97,918	0.06
38 Voriconazole	698	0.28	1,551,605	0.93
39 Erlotinib	688	0.28	1,582,179	0.94
40 Anagrelide	645	0.26	360,776	0.22
41 Clodronic Acid	622	0.25	148,308	0.09
42 Lamivudine	619	0.25	60,347	0.04
43 Lanreotide	607	0.24	598,022	0.36
44 Sildenafil	561	0.23	332,388	0.20
45 Valganciclovir	539	0.22	899,143	0.54
46 Peginterferon alfa-2b	522	0.21	254,920	0.15
47 Efalizumab	487	0.20	532,195	0.32
48 Interferon alfa-2a	463	0.19	158,493	0.09
49 Etoposide	426	0.17	43,643	0.03
50 Adefovir Dipivoxil	335	0.13	185,582	0.11
51 Lenograstim	330	0.13	270,267	0.16
52 Anakinra	281	0.11	288,475	0.17
53 Buserelin	265	0.11	50,295	0.03
54 Fludarabine	245	0.10	208,026	0.12
55 Risedronic Acid	210	0.08	45,880	0.03
56 Bexarotene	132	0.05	389,777	0.23
57 Iloprost	129	0.05	775,199	0.46
58 Pegvisomant	122	0.05	414,264	0.25
59 Idarubicin	116	0.05	43,288	0.03
60 Vancomycin	97	0.04	21,244	0.01
61 Aldesleukin	51	0.02	49,714	0.03
62 Interferon gamma	14	0.01	13,812	0.01
63 Sorafenib	11	0.00	48,329	0.03
64 Sunitinib	9	0.00	38,511	0.02
65 Becaplermin	9	0.00	5,051	0.00
66 Epoprostenol	6	0.00	63,172	0.04
67 Deferasirox	6	0.00	4,982	0.00
68 Estramustine	3	0.00	203	0.00
69 Hydroxybutyric Acid	2	0.00	1,808	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>248,641</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>€167,528,646</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Note: Based on the data available from claims submitted, the ingredient cost shown is the gross cost before discount.

**Table 19.8 HTD: The Products of Highest Cost in the Order of their Total Ingredient Cost**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Ingredient Cost €</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>	<b>Prescribing Frequency</b>	<b>% of Scheme Total</b>
1	Etanercept	20,865,561	12.45	18,545	7.46
2	Adalimumab	18,173,145	10.85	14,473	5.82
3	Erythropoietin	13,367,750	7.98	16,675	6.71
4	Interferon beta-1a	12,967,664	7.74	12,244	4.92
5	Interferon beta-1b	9,644,425	5.76	8,163	3.28
6	Pegfilgrastim	7,333,812	4.38	5,713	2.30
7	Darbepoetin alfa	6,207,141	3.71	12,696	5.11
8	Imatinib	6,111,131	3.65	2,191	0.88
9	Tacrolimus	5,086,286	3.04	16,753	6.74
10	Somatropin	4,952,382	2.96	6,939	2.79
11	Leuprorelin	4,948,236	2.95	10,589	4.26
12	Bicalutamide	4,078,758	2.43	21,678	8.72
13	Glatiramer Acetate	3,801,522	2.27	3,130	1.26
14	Bosentan	3,773,299	2.25	1,208	0.49
15	Mycophenolic Acid	3,379,992	2.02	15,149	6.09
16	Tobramycin	3,322,227	1.98	1,506	0.61
17	Dornase alfa	3,310,474	1.98	3,658	1.47
18	Filgrastim	3,305,018	1.97	4,569	1.84
19	Triptorelin	3,069,081	1.83	9,520	3.83
20	Teriparatide	2,920,222	1.74	6,378	2.57
21	Ciclosporin	2,564,056	1.53	19,435	7.82
22	Octreotide	2,130,786	1.27	2,013	0.81
23	Goserelin	2,031,455	1.21	6,053	2.43
24	Linezolid	1,739,654	1.04	1,151	0.46
25	Erlotinib	1,582,179	0.94	688	0.28
26	Voriconazole	1,551,605	0.93	698	0.28
27	Temozolomide	1,367,054	0.82	1,337	0.54
28	Peginterferon alfa-2a	1,221,630	0.73	1,170	0.47
29	Cinacalcet	1,070,835	0.64	2,980	1.20
30	Capecitabine	1,042,936	0.62	3,985	1.60
31	Palivizumab	992,028	0.59	930	0.37
32	Valganciclovir	899,143	0.54	539	0.22
33	Iloprost	775,199	0.46	129	0.05
34	Ribavirin	773,110	0.46	1,125	0.45
35	Lanreotide	598,022	0.36	607	0.24

Note: Based on the data available from the claims submitted, the ingredient cost shown is the gross cost before discount.

**Table 19.8 HTD: The 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 Interferon alfa-2b	565,878	0.34	818	0.33
37 Riluzole	561,046	0.33	1,690	0.68
38 Efalizumab	532,195	0.32	487	0.20
39 Fulvestrant	466,733	0.28	914	0.37
40 Pegvisomant	414,264	0.25	122	0.05
41 Ibandronic Acid	391,311	0.23	1,380	0.56
42 Bexarotene	389,777	0.23	132	0.05
43 Anagrelide	360,776	0.22	645	0.26
44 Sildenafil	332,388	0.20	561	0.23
45 Sirolimus	302,297	0.18	972	0.39
46 Anakinra	288,475	0.17	281	0.11
47 Lenograstim	270,267	0.16	330	0.13
48 Peginterferon alfa-2b	254,920	0.15	522	0.21
49 Fludarabine	208,026	0.12	245	0.10
50 Adefovir Dipivoxil	185,582	0.11	335	0.13
51 Interferon alfa-2a	158,493	0.09	463	0.19
52 Nafarelin	151,895	0.09	957	0.38
53 Clodronic Acid	148,308	0.09	622	0.25
54 Flutamide	97,918	0.06	704	0.28
55 Epoprostenol	63,172	0.04	6	0.00
56 Lamivudine	60,347	0.04	619	0.25
57 Buserelin	50,295	0.03	265	0.11
58 Aldesleukin	49,714	0.03	51	0.02
59 Sorafenib	48,329	0.03	11	0.00
60 Risedronic Acid	45,880	0.03	210	0.08
61 Etoposide	43,643	0.03	426	0.17
62 Idarubicin	43,288	0.03	116	0.05
63 Sunitinib	38,511	0.02	9	0.00
64 Vancomycin	21,244	0.01	97	0.04
65 Interferon gamma	13,812	0.01	14	0.01
66 Becaplermin	5,051	0.00	9	0.00
67 Deferasirox	4,982	0.00	6	0.00
68 Hydroxybutyric Acid	1,808	0.00	2	0.00
69 Estramustine	203	0.00	3	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€167,528,646</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>248,641</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Note: Based on the data available from the claims submitted, the ingredient cost shown is the gross cost before discount.

**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>5,104,796</b>	<b>12.54</b>	<b>119,884,799</b>	<b>15.86</b>
<b>A01</b>	Stomatological Preparations	85,245	0.21	317,185	0.04
<b>A02</b>	Drugs for Acid Related Disorders	2,276,235	5.59	79,632,427	10.54
<b>A03</b>	Drugs for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders	372,479	0.91	2,247,157	0.30
<b>A04</b>	Anti-emetics and Anti-nauseants	18,797	0.05	2,645,503	0.35
<b>A05</b>	Bile and Liver Therapy	10,544	0.03	528,702	0.07
<b>A06</b>	Laxatives	547,692	1.35	4,657,005	0.61
<b>A07</b>	Antidiarrheals, Intestinal Anti-inflammatory/Anti-infective Agents	205,888	0.50	3,544,381	0.47
<b>A08</b>	Anti-obesity Preparations, excl. Diet Products	49,291	0.12	3,168,667	0.42
<b>A09</b>	Digestives, incl. Enzymes	9,486	0.02	900,742	0.12
<b>A10</b>	Drugs used in Diabetes	850,698	2.09	16,601,342	2.19
<b>A11</b>	Vitamins	55,783	0.14	660,460	0.09
<b>A12</b>	Mineral Supplements	622,654	1.53	4,981,197	0.66
<b>A14</b>	Anabolic Agents for Systemic Use	4	0.00	31	0.00
<b>B</b>	<b>Blood and Blood Forming Organs</b>	<b>3,614,252</b>	<b>8.88</b>	<b>26,894,977</b>	<b>3.56</b>
<b>B01</b>	Antithrombotic Agents	3,030,597	7.45	25,579,422	3.38
<b>B02</b>	Antihemorrhagics	10,354	0.02	128,889	0.02
<b>B03</b>	Anti-anemic Preparations	573,258	1.41	1,186,422	0.16
<b>B05</b>	Blood Substitutes and Perfusion Solutions	43	0.00	244	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>10,212,385</b>	<b>25.09</b>	<b>185,855,300</b>	<b>24.59</b>
<b>C01</b>	Cardiac Therapy	849,486	2.09	8,081,529	1.07
<b>C02</b>	Antihypertensives	294,671	0.72	8,571,211	1.13
<b>C03</b>	Diuretics	1,751,044	4.30	4,999,604	0.66
<b>C04</b>	Peripheral Vasodilators	57,997	0.14	939,515	0.13
<b>C05</b>	Vasoprotectives	99,405	0.24	632,465	0.08
<b>C07</b>	Beta Blocking Agents	1,644,233	4.04	13,388,568	1.77
<b>C08</b>	Calcium Channel Blockers	984,498	2.42	16,972,272	2.25
<b>C09</b>	Agents Acting on the Renin-Angiotensin System	2,236,276	5.50	44,758,458	5.92
<b>C10</b>	Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	2,294,775	5.64	87,511,678	11.58
<b>D</b>	<b>Dermatologicals</b>	<b>1,123,056</b>	<b>2.76</b>	<b>10,939,369</b>	<b>1.45</b>
<b>D01</b>	Antifungals for Dermatological Use	261,311	0.64	3,401,023	0.45
<b>D02</b>	Emollients and Protectives	134,309	0.33	376,333	0.05
<b>D03</b>	Preparations for Treatment of Wounds and Ulcers	1,016	0.00	24,410	0.00
<b>D05</b>	Antipsoriatics	51,066	0.13	2,481,957	0.33
<b>D06</b>	Antibiotics and Chemotherapeutics for Dermatological Use	125,980	0.31	1,026,391	0.13
<b>D07</b>	Corticosteroids, Dermatological Preparations	504,358	1.24	2,458,051	0.33
<b>D10</b>	Anti-Acne Preparations	34,478	0.08	589,261	0.08
<b>D11</b>	Other Dermatological Preparations	10,538	0.03	581,943	0.08
<b>G</b>	<b>Genito Urinary System and Sex Hormones</b>	<b>1,424,247</b>	<b>3.50</b>	<b>28,761,176</b>	<b>3.81</b>
<b>G01</b>	Gynecological Anti-infectives and Antiseptics	22,451	0.05	122,433	0.02
<b>G02</b>	Other Gynecologicals	14,787	0.04	1,143,236	0.15
<b>G03</b>	Sex Hormones and Modulators of the Genital System	788,515	1.94	6,664,795	0.88
<b>G04</b>	Urologicals	598,494	1.47	20,830,712	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>1,221,900</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>4,191,494</b>	<b>0.56</b>
<b>H01</b>	Pituitary, Hypothalamic Hormones and Analogues	13,055	0.03	688,792	0.09
<b>H02</b>	Corticosteroids for Systemic Use	477,703	1.17	1,841,659	0.25
<b>H03</b>	Thyroid Therapy	726,311	1.79	1,508,223	0.20
<b>H04</b>	Pancreatic Hormones	4,641	0.01	143,189	0.02
<b>H05</b>	Calcium Homeostasis	190	0.00	9,631	0.00
<b>J</b>	<b>Anti-infectives for Systemic Use</b>	<b>2,183,099</b>	<b>5.37</b>	<b>24,720,483</b>	<b>3.27</b>
<b>J01</b>	Antibacterials for Systemic Use	2,102,080	5.17	21,024,236	2.78
<b>J02</b>	Antimycotics for Systemic Use	54,889	0.13	1,316,339	0.17
<b>J04</b>	Antimycobacterials	2,703	0.01	69,697	0.01
<b>J05</b>	Antivirals for Systemic Use	23,265	0.06	2,308,161	0.31
<b>J07</b>	Vaccines	162	0.00	2,050	0.00
<b>L</b>	<b>Antineoplastic and Immunomodulating Agents</b>	<b>196,743</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>7,868,130</b>	<b>1.04</b>
<b>L01</b>	Antineoplastic Agents	14,032	0.03	231,771	0.03
<b>L02</b>	Endocrine Therapy	82,192	0.20	5,931,210	0.78
<b>L04</b>	Immunosuppressive Agents	100,519	0.25	1,705,149	0.23

**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>2,662,576</b>	<b>6.54</b>	<b>47,188,008</b>	<b>6.25</b>
<b>M01</b>	Anti-inflammatory and Antirheumatic Products	1,541,817	3.79	22,789,858	3.02
<b>M02</b>	Topical Products for Joint and Muscular Pain	411,435	1.01	3,166,085	0.42
<b>M03</b>	Muscle Relaxants	34,146	0.08	1,187,918	0.16
<b>M04</b>	Antigout Preparations	150,997	0.37	1,056,886	0.14
<b>M05</b>	Drugs for treatment of Bone Diseases	523,651	1.29	18,918,328	2.50
<b>M09</b>	Other Drugs for Disorders of the Musculo-Skeletal System	530	0.00	68,933	0.01
<b>N</b>	<b>Nervous System</b>	<b>7,580,958</b>	<b>18.63</b>	<b>152,976,686</b>	<b>20.24</b>
<b>N01</b>	Anesthetics	2,112	0.01	9,507	0.00
<b>N02</b>	Analgesics	1,755,938	4.31	19,901,678	2.63
<b>N03</b>	Anti-epileptics	640,593	1.57	19,787,572	2.62
<b>N04</b>	Anti-Parkinson Drugs	196,661	0.48	4,290,648	0.57
<b>N05</b>	Psycholeptics	3,035,407	7.46	46,374,205	6.14
<b>N06</b>	Psychoanaleptics	1,682,556	4.14	56,826,543	7.51
<b>N07</b>	Other Nervous System Drugs	267,691	0.66	5,786,533	0.77
<b>P</b>	<b>Antiparasitic Products, Insecticides and Repellents</b>	<b>63,502</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>453,720</b>	<b>0.06</b>
<b>P01</b>	Antiprotozoals	41,609	0.10	309,072	0.04
<b>P02</b>	Anthelmintics	7,384	0.02	20,784	0.00
<b>P03</b>	Ectoparasiticides, incl. Scabicides, Insecticides and Repellents	14,509	0.04	123,864	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>2,975,130</b>	<b>7.31</b>	<b>71,957,313</b>	<b>9.52</b>
<b>R01</b>	Nasal Preparations	207,516	0.51	2,439,052	0.32
<b>R02</b>	Throat Preparations	8,503	0.02	19,368	0.00
<b>R03</b>	Drugs for Obstructive Airway Diseases	2,211,224	5.43	65,714,346	8.70
<b>R05</b>	Cough and Cold Preparations	291,462	0.72	1,516,532	0.20
<b>R06</b>	Antihistamines for Systemic Use	255,476	0.63	2,245,256	0.30
<b>R07</b>	Other Respiratory System Products	949	0.00	22,759	0.00
<b>S</b>	<b>Sensory Organs</b>	<b>1,019,392</b>	<b>2.51</b>	<b>9,989,135</b>	<b>1.32</b>
<b>S01</b>	Ophthalmologicals	938,521	2.31	9,699,080	1.28
<b>S02</b>	Otologicals	36,921	0.09	170,248	0.02
<b>S03</b>	Ophthalmological and Otological Preparations	43,950	0.11	119,807	0.02
<b>V</b>	<b>Various</b>	<b>1,314,694</b>	<b>3.23</b>	<b>64,038,548</b>	<b>8.47</b>
<b>V03</b>	Other Therapeutic Products	12,022	0.03	1,991,152	0.26
<b>V04</b>	Diagnostic Products	310,611	0.76	12,496,696	1.66
<b>V06</b>	Clinical Nutritional Products	449,317	1.11	33,127,117	4.38
<b>V07</b>	All Other Non-Therapeutic Products	542,744	1.33	16,423,583	2.17
	<i>Needles/Syringes/Lancets</i>	143,597	0.35	1,905,248	0.25
	<i>Ostomy Requisites</i>	86,089	0.21	9,271,113	1.23
	<i>Urinary Requisites</i>	48,555	0.12	3,800,516	0.50
	<i>Dressings</i>	25,402	0.06	1,054,980	0.14
	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	239,101	0.59	391,726	0.05
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40,696,730</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>€755,719,138</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>1,301,547</b>	<b>10.96</b>	<b>40,379,242</b>	<b>15.17</b>
<b>A01</b>	Stomatological Preparations	23,553	0.20	89,579	0.03
<b>A02</b>	Drugs for Acid Related Disorders	711,525	5.99	28,949,590	10.88
<b>A03</b>	Drugs for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders	106,448	0.89	718,312	0.27
<b>A04</b>	Anti-emetics and Antinauseants	8,810	0.07	960,529	0.36
<b>A05</b>	Bile and Liver Therapy	5,783	0.05	355,574	0.13
<b>A06</b>	Laxatives	63,528	0.54	545,836	0.21
<b>A07</b>	Antidiarrheals, Intestinal Anti-inflammatory/Anti-infective Agents	96,925	0.82	3,560,125	1.34
<b>A08</b>	Anti-obesity Preparations, excl. Diet Products	40,343	0.34	2,658,574	1.00
<b>A09</b>	Digestives, incl. Enzymes	1,552	0.01	79,495	0.03
<b>A10</b>	Drugs used in Diabetes	38,917	0.33	541,750	0.20
<b>A11</b>	Vitamins	15,576	0.13	263,495	0.10
<b>A12</b>	Mineral Supplements	188,544	1.59	1,654,609	0.62
<b>A14</b>	Anabolic Agents for Systemic Use	40	0.00	994	0.00
<b>A16</b>	Other Alimentary Tract and Metabolism Products	3	0.00	780	0.00
<b>B</b>	<b>Blood and Blood Forming Organs</b>	<b>865,427</b>	<b>7.29</b>	<b>7,648,502</b>	<b>2.87</b>
<b>B01</b>	Antithrombotic Agents	762,519	6.42	7,343,977	2.76
<b>B02</b>	Antihemorrhagics	4,575	0.04	60,154	0.02
<b>B03</b>	Anti-anemic Preparations	98,321	0.83	244,074	0.09
<b>B05</b>	Blood Substitutes and Perfusion Solutions	12	0.00	297	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>3,054,650</b>	<b>25.73</b>	<b>70,619,231</b>	<b>26.53</b>
<b>C01</b>	Cardiac Therapy	102,720	0.87	1,466,966	0.55
<b>C02</b>	Antihypertensives	84,631	0.71	2,676,088	1.01
<b>C03</b>	Diuretics	278,477	2.35	965,725	0.36
<b>C04</b>	Peripheral Vasodilators	3,767	0.03	74,609	0.03
<b>C05</b>	Vasoprotectives	40,128	0.34	238,085	0.09
<b>C07</b>	Beta Blocking Agents	533,595	4.49	4,747,679	1.78
<b>C08</b>	Calcium Channel Blockers	264,052	2.22	4,857,991	1.83
<b>C09</b>	Agents Acting on the Renin-Angiotensin System	769,038	6.48	16,719,097	6.28
<b>C10</b>	Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	978,242	8.24	38,872,991	14.60
<b>D</b>	<b>Dermatologicals</b>	<b>477,403</b>	<b>4.02</b>	<b>10,473,084</b>	<b>3.94</b>
<b>D01</b>	Antifungals for Dermatological Use	134,003	1.13	3,378,518	1.27
<b>D02</b>	Emollients and Protectives	28,674	0.24	99,076	0.04
<b>D03</b>	Preparations for Treatment of Wounds and Ulcers	402	0.00	47,969	0.02
<b>D04</b>	Antipruritics, incl. Antihistamines, Anesthetics, etc.	825	0.01	32,583	0.01
<b>D05</b>	Antipsoriatics	44,423	0.37	3,046,332	1.15
<b>D06</b>	Antibiotics and Chemotherapeutics for Dermatological Use	41,825	0.35	567,191	0.21
<b>D07</b>	Corticosteroids, Dermatological Preparations	168,208	1.42	928,259	0.35
<b>D08</b>	Antiseptics and Disinfectants	4	0.00	9	0.00
<b>D10</b>	Anti-Acne Preparations	46,340	0.39	1,543,352	0.58
<b>D11</b>	Other Dermatological Preparations	12,699	0.11	829,795	0.31
<b>G</b>	<b>Genito Urinary System and Sex Hormones</b>	<b>572,973</b>	<b>4.83</b>	<b>18,877,963</b>	<b>7.09</b>
<b>G01</b>	Gynecological Anti-infectives and Antiseptics	8,199	0.07	46,875	0.02
<b>G02</b>	Other Gynecologicals	18,410	0.15	1,908,819	0.72
<b>G03</b>	Sex Hormones and Modulators of the Genital System	386,538	3.26	11,300,801	4.24
<b>G04</b>	Urologicals	159,826	1.35	5,621,468	2.11

**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>H</b>	<b>Systemic Hormonal Preparations, Excl. Sex Hormones and Insulins</b>	<b>428,707</b>	<b>3.61</b>	<b>1,800,764</b>	<b>0.68</b>
<b>H01</b>	Pituitary, Hypothalamic Hormones and Analogues	7,803	0.07	513,367	0.19
<b>H02</b>	Corticosteroids for Systemic Use	162,524	1.37	703,315	0.27
<b>H03</b>	Thyroid Therapy	258,169	2.17	577,211	0.22
<b>H04</b>	Pancreatic Hormones	136	0.00	4,023	0.00
<b>H05</b>	Calcium Homeostasis	75	0.00	2,848	0.00
<b>J</b>	<b>Anti-infectives for Systemic Use</b>	<b>778,735</b>	<b>6.55</b>	<b>12,044,160</b>	<b>4.53</b>
<b>J01</b>	Antibacterials for Systemic Use	720,023	6.07	8,773,979	3.30
<b>J02</b>	Antimycotics for Systemic Use	36,105	0.30	984,558	0.37
<b>J04</b>	Antimycobacterials	1,748	0.01	49,284	0.02
<b>J05</b>	Antivirals for Systemic Use	20,783	0.17	2,235,799	0.84
<b>J07</b>	Vaccines	76	0.00	540	0.00
<b>L</b>	<b>Antineoplastic and Immunomodulating Agents</b>	<b>96,164</b>	<b>0.81</b>	<b>3,988,924</b>	<b>1.50</b>
<b>L01</b>	Antineoplastic Agents	4,745	0.04	144,900	0.05
<b>L02</b>	Endocrine Therapy	26,288	0.22	2,283,754	0.86
<b>L04</b>	Immunosuppressive Agents	65,131	0.55	1,560,270	0.59

**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>878,140</b>	<b>7.40</b>	<b>16,753,522</b>	<b>6.29</b>
<b>M01</b>	Anti-inflammatory and Antirheumatic Products	563,006	4.74	9,139,347	3.43
<b>M02</b>	Topical Products for Joint and Muscular Pain	83,108	0.70	661,653	0.25
<b>M03</b>	Muscle Relaxants	4,308	0.04	147,222	0.05
<b>M04</b>	Antigout Preparations	54,702	0.46	448,238	0.17
<b>M05</b>	Drugs for treatment of Bone Diseases	172,690	1.46	6,305,617	2.37
<b>M09</b>	Other Drugs for Disorders of the Musculo-Skeletal System	326	0.00	51,445	0.02
<b>N</b>	<b>Nervous System</b>	<b>1,729,353</b>	<b>14.57</b>	<b>40,617,532</b>	<b>15.26</b>
<b>N01</b>	Anesthetics	869	0.01	101,245	0.04
<b>N02</b>	Analgesics	368,124	3.10	6,053,684	2.27
<b>N03</b>	Anti-epileptics	115,530	0.97	4,766,812	1.79
<b>N04</b>	Anti-Parkinson Drugs	15,591	0.13	452,536	0.17
<b>N05</b>	Psycholeptics	626,109	5.27	9,204,216	3.46
<b>N06</b>	Psychoanaleptics	569,367	4.80	19,294,961	7.25
<b>N07</b>	Other Nervous System Drugs	33,763	0.29	744,078	0.28
<b>P</b>	<b>Antiparasitic Products, Insecticides and Repellents</b>	<b>35,503</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>901,704</b>	<b>0.34</b>
<b>P01</b>	Antiprotozoals	32,889	0.28	881,804	0.33
<b>P02</b>	Anthelmintics	1,091	0.01	3,474	0.00
<b>P03</b>	Ectoparasiticides, incl. Scabicides, Insecticides and Repellents	1,523	0.01	16,426	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>1,208,575</b>	<b>10.18</b>	<b>30,452,666</b>	<b>11.44</b>
<b>R01</b>	Nasal Preparations	147,289	1.24	1,975,379	0.74
<b>R02</b>	Throat Preparations	2,797	0.02	6,382	0.00
<b>R03</b>	Drugs for Obstructive Airway Diseases	871,350	7.34	26,847,211	10.09
<b>R05</b>	Cough and Cold Preparations	60,258	0.51	331,405	0.12
<b>R06</b>	Antihistamines for Systemic Use	126,809	1.07	1,290,777	0.49
<b>R07</b>	Other Respiratory System Products	72	0.00	1,512	0.00
<b>S</b>	<b>Sensory Organs</b>	<b>237,379</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>2,143,967</b>	<b>0.81</b>
<b>S01</b>	Ophthalmologicals	198,814	1.67	2,018,775	0.76
<b>S02</b>	Otologicals	13,914	0.12	65,121	0.03
<b>S03</b>	Ophthalmological and Otological Preparations	24,651	0.21	60,071	0.02
<b>V</b>	<b>Various</b>	<b>207,661</b>	<b>1.75</b>	<b>9,446,945</b>	<b>3.55</b>
<b>V03</b>	Other Therapeutic Products	1,879	0.02	305,376	0.11
<b>V04</b>	Diagnostic Products	14,030	0.12	548,372	0.21
<b>V06</b>	Clinical Nutritional Products	102,598	0.86	4,262,979	1.60
<b>V07</b>	All Other Non-Therapeutic Products	89,154	0.75	4,330,218	1.63
	<i>Ostomy Appliances</i>	32,820	0.28	2,951,899	1.11
	<i>Needles/Syringes/Lancets</i>	17,257	0.14	90,863	0.03
	<i>Dressings</i>	9,882	0.08	255,867	0.10
	<i>Urinary Appliances</i>	8,087	0.07	898,720	0.34
	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	21,108	0.18	132,869	0.05
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>11,872,217</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>€266,148,206</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>566,237</b>	<b>26.15</b>	<b>18,118,402</b>	<b>27.22</b>
<b>A01</b>	Stomatological Preparations	790	0.04	3,876	0.01
<b>A02</b>	Drugs for Acid Related Disorders	16,332	0.76	668,651	1.00
<b>A03</b>	Drugs for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders	2,282	0.11	31,689	0.05
<b>A04</b>	Anti-emetics and Antinauseants	939	0.04	45,295	0.07
<b>A05</b>	Bile and Liver Therapy	848	0.04	50,120	0.08
<b>A06</b>	Laxatives	7,208	0.33	71,656	0.11
<b>A07</b>	Antidiarrheals, Intestinal Anti-inflammatory/Anti-infective Agents	1,086	0.05	25,845	0.04
<b>A08</b>	Anti-obesity Preparations, excl. Diet Products	2,812	0.13	186,334	0.28
<b>A09</b>	Digestives, incl. Enzymes	7,803	0.36	893,637	1.34
<b>A10</b>	Drugs used in Diabetes	505,367	23.34	15,626,914	23.48
<b>A11</b>	Vitamins	14,545	0.67	248,972	0.37
<b>A12</b>	Mineral Supplements	4,405	0.20	42,372	0.06
<b>A13</b>	Tonics	23	0.00	211	0.00
<b>A16</b>	Other Alimentary Tract and Metabolism Products	1,797	0.08	222,830	0.33
<b>B</b>	<b>Blood and Blood Forming Organs</b>	<b>210,478</b>	<b>9.72</b>	<b>1,218,465</b>	<b>1.83</b>
<b>B01</b>	Antithrombotic Agents	195,411	9.03	1,164,960	1.75
<b>B02</b>	Antihemorrhagics	312	0.01	4,318	0.01
<b>B03</b>	Anti-anemic Preparations	14,345	0.66	24,601	0.04
<b>B05</b>	Blood Substitutes and Perfusion Solutions	410	0.02	24,586	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>596,770</b>	<b>27.56</b>	<b>15,083,653</b>	<b>22.66</b>
<b>C01</b>	Cardiac Therapy	10,897	0.50	127,222	0.19
<b>C02</b>	Antihypertensives	20,983	0.97	743,733	1.12
<b>C03</b>	Diuretics	37,162	1.72	159,460	0.24
<b>C04</b>	Peripheral Vasodilators	730	0.03	16,260	0.02
<b>C05</b>	Vasoprotectives	180	0.01	1,159	0.00
<b>C07</b>	Beta Blocking Agents	68,343	3.16	636,202	0.96
<b>C08</b>	Calcium Channel Blockers	49,433	2.28	977,989	1.47
<b>C09</b>	Agents Acting on the Renin-Angiotensin System	204,507	9.44	4,347,520	6.53
<b>C10</b>	Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	204,535	9.45	8,074,108	12.13
<b>D</b>	<b>Dermatologicals</b>	<b>7,962</b>	<b>0.37</b>	<b>98,618</b>	<b>0.15</b>
<b>D01</b>	Antifungals for Dermatological Use	2,413	0.11	37,292	0.06
<b>D02</b>	Emollients and Protectives	1,900	0.09	14,697	0.02
<b>D03</b>	Preparations for Treatment of Wounds and Ulcers	28	0.00	1,399	0.00
<b>D04</b>	Antipruritics, incl. Antihistamines, Anesthetics, etc.	99	0.00	2,215	0.00
<b>D05</b>	Antipsoriatics	283	0.01	19,733	0.03
<b>D06</b>	Antibiotics and Chemotherapeutics for Dermatological Use	559	0.03	4,278	0.01
<b>D07</b>	Corticosteroids, Dermatological Preparations	1,566	0.07	8,732	0.02
<b>D08</b>	Antiseptics and Disinfectants	534	0.03	2,879	0.00
<b>D10</b>	Anti-Acne Preparations	152	0.01	2,334	0.00
<b>D11</b>	Other Dermatological Preparations	428	0.02	5,059	0.01
<b>G</b>	<b>Genito Urinary System and Sex Hormones</b>	<b>20,830</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>695,649</b>	<b>1.05</b>
<b>G01</b>	Gynecological Anti-infectives and Antiseptics	148	0.01	16,630	0.03
<b>G02</b>	Other Gynecologicals	98	0.00	11,775	0.02
<b>G03</b>	Sex Hormones and Modulators of the Genital System	2,199	0.10	33,470	0.05
<b>G04</b>	Urologicals	18,385	0.85	633,774	0.95



**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>25,999</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>399,977</b>	<b>0.60</b>
<b>H01</b>	Pituitary, Hypothalamic Hormones and Analogues	1,913	0.09	143,763	0.22
<b>H02</b>	Corticosteroids for Systemic Use	3,499	0.16	26,939	0.04
<b>H03</b>	Thyroid Therapy	13,976	0.65	32,614	0.05
<b>H04</b>	Pancreatic Hormones	6,594	0.30	194,351	0.29
<b>H05</b>	Calcium Homeostasis	17	0.00	2,310	0.00
<b>J</b>	<b>Anti-infectives for Systemic Use</b>	<b>20,420</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>1,069,175</b>	<b>1.61</b>
<b>J01</b>	Antibacterials for Systemic Use	19,495	0.90	1,021,105	1.54
<b>J02</b>	Antimycotics for Systemic Use	584	0.03	22,221	0.03
<b>J04</b>	Antimycobacterials	106	0.00	5,045	0.01
<b>J05</b>	Antivirals for Systemic Use	208	0.01	19,965	0.03
<b>J07</b>	Vaccines	27	0.00	839	0.00
<b>L</b>	<b>Antineoplastic and Immunomodulating Agents</b>	<b>1,388</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>58,213</b>	<b>0.09</b>
<b>L01</b>	Antineoplastic Agents	329	0.01	22,912	0.03
<b>L02</b>	Endocrine Therapy	143	0.01	11,645	0.02
<b>L04</b>	Immunosuppressive Agents	916	0.04	23,656	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>17,339</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>407,705</b>	<b>0.61</b>
<b>M01</b>	Anti-inflammatory and Antirheumatic Products	6,017	0.28	91,259	0.14
<b>M02</b>	Topical Products for Joint and Muscular Pain	629	0.03	5,521	0.01
<b>M03</b>	Muscle Relaxants	5,963	0.27	217,697	0.32
<b>M04</b>	Antigout Preparations	2,320	0.11	18,978	0.03
<b>M05</b>	Drugs for treatment of Bone Diseases	1,986	0.09	72,351	0.11
<b>M09</b>	Other Drugs for Disorders of the Musculo-Skeletal System	424	0.02	1,899	0.00
<b>N</b>	<b>Nervous System</b>	<b>267,515</b>	<b>12.35</b>	<b>10,031,807</b>	<b>15.07</b>
<b>N01</b>	Anesthetics	256	0.01	19,386	0.03
<b>N02</b>	Analgesics	10,677	0.49	104,085	0.16
<b>N03</b>	Anti-epileptics	200,530	9.26	6,611,530	9.93
<b>N04</b>	Anti-Parkinson Drugs	23,094	1.07	2,185,564	3.28
<b>N05</b>	Psycholeptics	16,867	0.78	344,237	0.52
<b>N06</b>	Psychoanaleptics	14,776	0.68	709,033	1.06
<b>N07</b>	Other Nervous System Drugs	1,315	0.06	57,972	0.09
<b>P</b>	<b>Antiparasitic Products, Insecticides and Repellents</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>P01</b>	Antiprotozoals	132	0.01	1,073	0.00
<b>P02</b>	Anthelmintics	6	0.00	12	0.00
<b>P03</b>	Ectoparasiticides, incl. Scabicides, Insecticides and Repellents	15	0.00	179	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>14,464</b>	<b>0.67</b>	<b>357,439</b>	<b>0.54</b>
<b>R01</b>	Nasal Preparations	1,644	0.08	22,166	0.04
<b>R02</b>	Throat Preparations	29	0.00	76	0.00
<b>R03</b>	Drugs for Obstructive Airway Diseases	10,253	0.47	313,826	0.47
<b>R05</b>	Cough and Cold Preparations	826	0.04	5,443	0.01
<b>R06</b>	Antihistamines for Systemic Use	1,712	0.08	15,928	0.02
<b>S</b>	<b>Sensory Organs</b>	<b>7,026</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>98,748</b>	<b>0.15</b>
<b>S01</b>	Ophthalmologicals	6,702	0.31	97,554	0.15
<b>S02</b>	Otologicals	124	0.01	598	0.00
<b>S03</b>	Ophthalmological and Otological Preparations	200	0.01	596	0.00
<b>V</b>	<b>Various</b>	<b>408,719</b>	<b>18.88</b>	<b>18,914,285</b>	<b>28.42</b>
<b>V03</b>	Other Therapeutic Products	277	0.01	46,613	0.07
<b>V04</b>	Diagnostic Products	239,304	11.05	11,903,806	17.89
<b>V06</b>	Clinical Nutritional Products	30,178	1.39	3,429,039	5.15
<b>V07</b>	All Other Non-Therapeutic Products:	138,960	6.43	3,534,827	5.31
	<i>Needles/Syringes/Lancets/Swabs</i>	120,957	5.59	2,354,138	3.54
	<i>Dressings</i>	2,567	0.12	80,002	0.12
	<i>Urinary Appliances</i>	5,189	0.24	557,711	0.84
	<i>Nutritional/Ancillary Devices</i>	1,863	0.09	324,585	0.49
	<i>Ostomy Appliances</i>	1,130	0.05	110,354	0.16
	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	7,254	0.34	108,037	0.16
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,165,300</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>€66,553,400</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Table 20.3 HTD: 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>97</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>21,244</b>	<b>0.01</b>
A07A	Intestinal Anti-infectives	97	0.04	21,244	0.01
<b>B</b>	<b>Blood and Blood Forming Organs</b>	<b>30,151</b>	<b>12.12</b>	<b>20,774,038</b>	<b>12.40</b>
B01	Antithrombotic Agents	780	0.31	1,199,147	0.72
B03	Anti-anemic Preparations	29,371	11.81	19,574,891	11.68
<b>C</b>	<b>Cardiovascular System</b>	<b>1,769</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>4,105,688</b>	<b>2.45</b>
C02	Antihypertensives	1,769	0.72	4,105,688	2.45
<b>D</b>	<b>Dermatologicals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,051</b>	<b>0.00</b>
D03A	Cicatrizants	9	0.00	5,051	0.00

Note: Based on the data available from claims submitted, the ingredient cost shown is the gross cost before discount.

**Table 20.3 HTD: 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>19,996</b>	<b>8.04</b>	<b>12,238,405</b>	<b>7.30</b>
H01	Pituitary and Hypothalamic Hormones and Analogues	10,638	4.28	8,247,348	4.92
H05	Calcium Homeostasis	9,358	3.76	3,991,057	2.38
<b>J</b>	<b>Anti-infectives for Systemic Use</b>	<b>6,903</b>	<b>2.77</b>	<b>9,523,697</b>	<b>5.69</b>
J01	Antibacterials for Systemic Use	2,657	1.07	5,061,881	3.02
J02	Antimycotics for Systemic Use	698	0.28	1,551,605	0.93
J05	Antivirals for Systemic Use	2,618	1.05	1,918,183	1.15
J06	Immune Sera and Immunoglobulins	930	0.37	992,028	0.59
<b>L</b>	<b>Antineoplastic and Immunomodulating Agents</b>	<b>182,148</b>	<b>73.27</b>	<b>116,396,713</b>	<b>69.48</b>
L01	Antineoplastic Agents	9,143	3.68	10,875,077	6.49
L02	Endocrine Therapy	49,723	20.00	14,742,475	8.80
L03	Immunostimulants	37,187	14.96	39,587,154	23.63
L04	Immunosuppressive Agents	86,095	34.63	51,192,007	30.56

Note: Based on the data available from claims submitted, the ingredient cost shown is the gross cost before discount.

**Table 20.3 HTD: 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>2,212</b>	<b>0.89</b>	<b>585,499</b>	<b>0.35</b>
M05	Drugs for treatment of Bone Diseases	2,212	0.89	585,499	0.35
<b>N</b>	<b>Nervous System</b>	<b>1,692</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>562,854</b>	<b>0.34</b>
N07XX	Other Nervous System Drugs	1,692	0.68	562,854	0.34
<b>R</b>	<b>Respiratory System</b>	<b>3,658</b>	<b>1.47</b>	<b>3,310,475</b>	<b>1.98</b>
R05CB	Mucolytics (Inhaled)	3,658	1.47	3,310,475	1.98
<b>V</b>	<b>Various</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,982</b>	<b>0.00</b>
V03AC	Iron Chelating Agents	6	0.00	4,982	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>248,641</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>€167,528,646</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Note: Based on the data available from claims submitted, the ingredient cost shown is the gross cost before discount.

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

Health Service Executive	Average Panel Ranges in 2006													
	0-100 €		101-250 €		251-500 €		501-1,000 €		1,001-1,500 €		1,501-2,000 €		2,001 and Over €	
East Coast Area	20,510	(15)	84,999	(34)	155,089	(54)	240,192	(61)	316,084	(5)	-		-	
South Western Area	28,289	(16)	56,104	(23)	105,094	(47)	201,990	(88)	300,595	(44)	365,565	(7)	391,840	(3)
Northern Area	26,558	(7)	63,627	(22)	127,525	(40)	217,650	(67)	299,677	(35)	414,656	(9)	560,958	(2)
Midland	31,335	(5)	48,973	(8)	132,166	(18)	234,015	(45)	318,571	(26)	359,543	(1)	-	
Mid-Western	11,353	(5)	62,339	(19)	128,624	(43)	212,362	(76)	310,978	(20)	388,864	(7)	-	
North Eastern	7,788	(1)	57,810	(6)	106,376	(28)	213,106	(86)	282,791	(23)	363,173	(4)	-	
North Western	41,483	(5)	97,360	(6)	131,800	(21)	215,686	(52)	325,952	(34)	401,845	(11)	-	
South Eastern	7,295	(9)	58,659	(12)	137,774	(35)	219,679	(116)	328,605	(38)	453,327	(5)	-	
Southern	22,056	(14)	59,803	(48)	136,066	(73)	225,270	(145)	336,148	(33)	460,344	(4)	430,751	(1)
Western	29,204	(11)	62,648	(19)	120,038	(56)	225,667	(100)	339,471	(37)	454,182	(1)	-	
<b>National 2006</b>	<b>€23,529</b>	<b>(88)</b>	<b>€65,239</b>	<b>(197)</b>	<b>€129,032</b>	<b>(415)</b>	<b>€220,019</b>	<b>(836)</b>	<b>€317,033</b>	<b>(295)</b>	<b>€404,237</b>	<b>(49)</b>	<b>€454,698</b>	<b>(6)</b>
National 2005	€25,556	(142)	€68,250	(248)	€139,553	(416)	€244,750	(812)	€343,234	(252)	€434,176	(34)	€476,142	(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**

2006 (2005 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	12 (19)	11 (13)	23 (23)	21 (17)	15 (14)	16 (15)	17 (11)	10 (13)	18 (10)	22 (31)	4 (5)	- (1)
South Western Area	11 (29)	28 (20)	22 (18)	13 (15)	29 (23)	18 (23)	12 (13)	27 (19)	13 (19)	40 (41)	14 (15)	1 (3)
Northern Area	5 (10)	15 (13)	17 (19)	12 (15)	23 (17)	13 (13)	15 (16)	27 (22)	11 (13)	31 (32)	8 (11)	5 (6)
Midland	6 (6)	5 (4)	3 (4)	6 (4)	5 (4)	8 (10)	13 (10)	11 (8)	15 (10)	26 (32)	5 (10)	- (-)
Mid-Western	8 (15)	7 (8)	15 (9)	16 (12)	24 (17)	17 (21)	16 (14)	15 (13)	14 (18)	30 (30)	7 (8)	1 (2)
North Eastern	1 (6)	8 (16)	9 (16)	9 (6)	16 (15)	16 (8)	25 (16)	19 (24)	18 (14)	21 (27)	5 (6)	1 (1)
North Western	4 (6)	3 (5)	5 (6)	10 (8)	8 (8)	11 (8)	11 (9)	13 (10)	18 (13)	35 (35)	8 (15)	3 (5)
South Eastern	9 (8)	7 (9)	9 (8)	10 (12)	17 (14)	31 (19)	23 (19)	25 (21)	28 (28)	42 (51)	11 (16)	3 (5)
Southern	12 (25)	28 (20)	30 (32)	32 (25)	16 (23)	37 (34)	36 (30)	32 (24)	33 (36)	47 (53)	12 (15)	3 (6)
Western	9 (15)	16 (18)	23 (21)	20 (18)	17 (16)	15 (8)	20 (22)	31 (23)	10 (18)	52 (43)	8 (18)	3 (7)
<b>National</b>	<b>77 (139)</b>	<b>128 (126)</b>	<b>156 (156)</b>	<b>149 (132)</b>	<b>170 (151)</b>	<b>182 (159)</b>	<b>188 (160)</b>	<b>210 (177)</b>	<b>178 (179)</b>	<b>346 (375)</b>	<b>82 (119)</b>	<b>20 (36)</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.

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



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

2006 (2005 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	4 (5)	13 (13)	11 (17)	20 (19)	19 (10)	6 (11)	14 (9)	8 (3)	2 (6)	8 (4)	- (2)	3 (3)	4 (2)
South Western Area	23 (17)	17 (22)	23 (16)	25 (26)	19 (20)	16 (11)	12 (14)	10 (8)	9 (8)	6 (9)	10 (5)	7 (4)	4 (3)
Northern Area	11 (12)	12 (9)	19 (19)	19 (21)	19 (21)	19 (19)	10 (5)	9 (9)	6 (3)	4 (7)	5 (1)	4 (5)	14 (10)
Midland	2 (2)	5 (5)	7 (4)	6 (4)	5 (3)	6 (8)	12 (10)	6 (10)	8 (6)	6 (3)	3 (3)	2 (3)	10 (4)
Mid-Western	7 (2)	10 (12)	14 (13)	11 (15)	25 (18)	13 (10)	10 (19)	13 (9)	8 (9)	10 (6)	3 (2)	2 (1)	6 (5)
North Eastern	6 (2)	8 (8)	8 (7)	14 (15)	16 (14)	19 (15)	14 (12)	7 (10)	9 (4)	5 (4)	3 (5)	5 (-)	5 (5)
North Western	6 (4)	1 (2)	8 (6)	7 (11)	9 (9)	7 (7)	7 (5)	5 (6)	3 (3)	5 (5)	1 (2)	3 (3)	10 (8)
South Eastern	5 (6)	8 (5)	11 (7)	20 (16)	14 (13)	14 (16)	16 (19)	12 (8)	9 (12)	8 (8)	10 (4)	5 (4)	15 (13)
Southern	6 (7)	20 (13)	22 (18)	30 (34)	27 (21)	26 (26)	18 (21)	20 (15)	12 (11)	10 (13)	8 (4)	5 (1)	13 (11)
Western	7 (5)	9 (11)	9 (9)	19 (14)	14 (20)	20 (12)	11 (12)	7 (7)	9 (10)	10 (9)	9 (6)	3 (4)	8 (7)
<b>National</b>	<b>77 (62)</b>	<b>103 (100)</b>	<b>132 (116)</b>	<b>171 (175)</b>	<b>167 (149)</b>	<b>146 (135)</b>	<b>124 (126)</b>	<b>97 (85)</b>	<b>75 (72)</b>	<b>72 (68)</b>	<b>52 (34)</b>	<b>39 (28)</b>	<b>89 (68)</b>

Note: Pharmacies that entered or left 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	514,984	206,715	4,597,267	38.52	177,102,429	562.70	116,317,635
Midland	95,227	39,039	749,831	35.20	26,391,659	428.36	16,722,919
Mid-Western	160,867	54,504	1,011,375	36.30	36,717,341	422.84	23,046,697
North Eastern	137,118	56,495	1,061,509	35.48	37,665,424	415.26	23,460,172
North Western	64,437	22,174	410,705	37.79	15,520,347	446.74	9,906,103
South Eastern	157,480	62,939	1,274,099	35.26	44,919,987	442.58	27,855,813
Southern	254,710	100,090	1,824,097	38.00	69,311,494	438.17	43,856,155
Western	140,834	55,879	943,334	37.42	35,295,177	392.68	21,942,621
<b>National 2006</b>	<b>1,525,657</b>	<b>597,835</b>	<b>11,872,217</b>	<b>€37.31</b>	<b>€442,923,858</b>	<b>€473.56</b>	<b>€283,108,115</b>
National 2005	1,478,650	526,052	10,581,689	€36.67	€388,021,077	€464.76	€244,485,938

Note: \*As at 31st December 2006.

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

2006 (2005 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 (9)	15 (12)	24 (26)	17 (12)	16 (20)	10 (8)	10 (7)	2 (4)	2 (1)	3 (-)	2 (5)	2 (-)	2 (1)
South Western Area	23 (21)	36 (32)	21 (23)	22 (25)	20 (12)	11 (11)	11 (6)	6 (12)	11 (10)	8 (3)	2 (2)	2 (-)	9 (7)
Northern Area	16 (17)	24 (25)	23 (17)	13 (23)	16 (9)	18 (20)	14 (10)	9 (3)	3 (2)	2 (6)	3 (5)	4 (2)	8 (4)
Midland	8 (4)	14 (13)	16 (13)	12 (10)	7 (8)	5 (7)	6 (5)	4 (2)	3 (-)	- (2)	1 (1)	2 (-)	-
Mid-Western	20 (14)	25 (29)	26 (23)	23 (25)	16 (14)	8 (5)	4 (4)	5 (3)	2 (3)	2 (-)	1 (1)	-	-
North Eastern	13 (8)	25 (29)	30 (20)	15 (15)	10 (6)	7 (10)	7 (3)	4 (5)	5 (3)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (-)	1 (1)
North Western	17 (15)	17 (22)	13 (15)	14 (8)	3 (4)	3 (2)	2 (2)	-	-	- (1)	1 (-)	-	-
South Eastern	21 (15)	24 (27)	30 (31)	27 (20)	17 (14)	8 (11)	11 (8)	3 (2)	4 (-)	-	-	- (2)	2 (-)
Southern	14 (14)	52 (53)	53 (42)	26 (39)	28 (14)	17 (13)	10 (8)	5 (3)	3 (3)	1 (2)	4 (2)	1 (2)	4 (1)
Western	26 (28)	39 (30)	25 (23)	17 (16)	9 (10)	5 (10)	9 (5)	4 (2)	- (1)	1 (1)	-	1 (-)	-
<b>National</b>	<b>167 (145)</b>	<b>271 (272)</b>	<b>261 (233)</b>	<b>186 (193)</b>	<b>142 (111)</b>	<b>92 (97)</b>	<b>84 (58)</b>	<b>42 (36)</b>	<b>33 (23)</b>	<b>18 (16)</b>	<b>15 (17)</b>	<b>13 (6)</b>	<b>26 (14)</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	54,859	22,568	932,052	54.43	50,735,651	2,248.12
Midland	5,888	3,082	128,573	52.01	6,686,599	2,169.56
Mid-Western	7,423	4,063	153,966	48.33	7,441,773	1,831.60
North Eastern	8,622	4,759	195,751	53.64	10,501,015	2,206.56
North Western	5,936	3,023	128,819	53.72	6,919,712	2,289.02
South Eastern	10,852	5,582	236,473	50.72	11,993,855	2,148.67
Southern	7,507	6,262	251,280	54.01	13,572,532	2,167.44
Western	5,220	3,743	138,386	54.99	7,610,203	2,033.18
<b>National 2006</b>	<b>106,307</b>	<b>53,082</b>	<b>2,165,300</b>	<b>€53.32</b>	<b>€115,461,340</b>	<b>€2,175.15</b>
National 2005	99,280	53,006	1,929,111	€52.12	€100,546,643	€1,896.89

Note: \*As at 31st December 2006.

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

2006 (2005 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	11 (12)	28 (25)	13 (18)	18 (13)	12 (14)	11 (7)	20 (16)
South Western Area	25 (22)	39 (39)	26 (24)	25 (23)	21 (20)	15 (11)	30 (24)
Northern Area	21 (21)	25 (22)	31 (28)	17 (21)	16 (21)	16 (12)	25 (16)
Midland	10 (11)	25 (13)	12 (12)	14 (14)	7 (7)	2 (4)	8 (4)
Mid-Western	34 (35)	45 (47)	29 (23)	9 (7)	6 (4)	4 (1)	3 (4)
North Eastern	22 (18)	28 (27)	25 (18)	14 (20)	12 (6)	6 (5)	12 (7)
North Western	14 (12)	7 (15)	11 (17)	17 (13)	9 (3)	4 (6)	7 (2)
South Eastern	28 (24)	31 (36)	35 (33)	24 (19)	15 (8)	6 (6)	8 (4)
Southern	54 (51)	73 (71)	47 (37)	16 (19)	14 (9)	6 (5)	5 (2)
Western	47 (44)	43 (39)	23 (21)	12 (15)	5 (3)	3 (1)	2 (2)
<b>National</b>	<b>266 (250)</b>	<b>344 (334)</b>	<b>252 (231)</b>	<b>166 (164)</b>	<b>117 (95)</b>	<b>73 (58)</b>	<b>120 (81)</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	3,394	22.49	76,316
South Western Area	5,267	23.78	125,248
Northern Area	2,855	24.08	68,753
Midland	3,727	23.44	87,344
Mid-Western	10,049	23.58	236,909
North Eastern	5,896	24.04	141,738
North Western	11,467	24.09	276,194
South Eastern	10,295	24.40	251,177
Southern	20,427	23.73	484,687
Western	15,365	23.79	365,545
<b>National 2006</b>	<b>88,742</b>	<b>€23.82</b>	<b>€2,113,911</b>
National 2005	81,965	€22.93	€1,879,609

**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	274,054	25,705	299,759
Midland	51,346	6,704	58,050
Mid-Western	87,444	11,354	98,798
North Eastern	84,187	10,230	94,417
North Western	72,263	5,452	77,715
South Eastern	117,457	15,310	132,767
Southern	183,470	18,408	201,878
Western	116,928	15,607	132,535
<b>National 2006</b>	<b>987,149</b>	<b>108,770</b>	<b>1,095,919</b>
National 2005	962,936	106,466	1,069,402

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

2006 (2005 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	30 (43)	39 (39)	32 (40)	26 (28)	24 (17)	19 (18)	15 (15)	19 (21)	20 (14)	13 (11)	7 (10)	5 (4)	13 (17)
Midland	5 (4)	2 (4)	1 (4)	3 (1)	6 (6)	4 (4)	6 (5)	4 (4)	3 (2)	- (2)	4 (4)	1 (3)	3 (3)
Mid-Western	6 (5)	9 (7)	6 (8)	13 (10)	14 (11)	11 (12)	7 (4)	4 (4)	1 (2)	1 (2)	1 (1)	4 (1)	6 (9)
North Eastern	13 (13)	6 (4)	6 (8)	10 (10)	8 (9)	6 (8)	7 (5)	5 (8)	3 (3)	3 (6)	4 (4)	2 (-)	6 (3)
North Western	3 (3)	-	5 (3)	2 (3)	2 (3)	2 (4)	2 (3)	2 (2)	4 (5)	3 (2)	5 (2)	3 (2)	6 (9)
South Eastern	7 (9)	3 (5)	10 (3)	13 (14)	10 (11)	8 (12)	13 (10)	5 (5)	10 (7)	8 (8)	3 (3)	2 (2)	9 (8)
Southern	23 (19)	33 (27)	40 (37)	25 (26)	25 (25)	14 (10)	24 (21)	14 (14)	12 (3)	5 (11)	2 (8)	3 (-)	6 (9)
Western	19 (18)	10 (5)	7 (8)	14 (11)	7 (10)	7 (3)	10 (8)	7 (9)	7 (10)	5 (7)	2 (3)	7 (3)	12 (14)
<b>National</b>	<b>106 (114)</b>	<b>102 (91)</b>	<b>107 (111)</b>	<b>106 (103)</b>	<b>96 (92)</b>	<b>71 (71)</b>	<b>84 (71)</b>	<b>60 (67)</b>	<b>60 (46)</b>	<b>38 (49)</b>	<b>28 (35)</b>	<b>27 (15)</b>	<b>61 (72)</b>

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



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

<b>Health Service Executive</b>	<b>Number of Treatments</b>	<b>Cost of Claims €</b>
Eastern Areas	134,442	4,980,919
Midland	29,375	1,110,709
Mid-Western	44,356	1,611,179
North Eastern	35,802	1,289,181
North Western	36,483	1,271,903
South Eastern	66,457	2,373,466
Southern	72,039	2,644,163
Western	45,669	1,645,584
<b>National 2006</b>	<b>464,623</b>	<b>€16,927,104</b>
National 2005	417,533	€15,833,940

Note: Optometrists/Ophthalmologists were also paid in respect of: Health (Amendment) Act 1996 €51,154; Optical services for Teenagers €105,252; Optical services for Children €919,093.

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

2006 (2005 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	45 (48)	37 (34)	16 (11)	14 (13)	6 (8)	3 (5)	5 (1)	1 (1)	- (1)	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (2)	3 (1)
Midland	14 (12)	5 (6)	3 (3)	5 (6)	3 (3)	1 (1)	-	-	1 (-)	-	-	-	1 (1)
Mid-Western	15 (13)	7 (6)	4 (3)	3 (1)	1 (2)	2 (-)	-	-	- (1)	-	1 (-)	-	2 (2)
North Eastern	17 (17)	13 (10)	4 (3)	2 (2)	3 (3)	1 (1)	1 (1)	-	1 (-)	-	-	-	-
North Western	5 (6)	5 (3)	4 (4)	7 (2)	1 (2)	3 (1)	1 (2)	-	-	- (1)	1 (-)	-	-
South Eastern	12 (15)	11 (6)	3 (4)	1 (3)	3 (5)	7 (6)	2 (2)	3 (1)	- (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	-	1 (-)
Southern	15 (16)	21 (17)	5 (10)	9 (7)	6 (5)	2 (1)	1 (1)	-	-	-	1 (-)	- (1)	2 (1)
Western	21 (18)	18 (9)	7 (8)	6 (4)	1 (1)	-	- (1)	1 (-)	-	- (1)	-	-	1 (-)
<b>National</b>	<b>144 (145)</b>	<b>117 (91)</b>	<b>46 (46)</b>	<b>47 (38)</b>	<b>24 (29)</b>	<b>19 (15)</b>	<b>10 (8)</b>	<b>5 (2)</b>	<b>2 (3)</b>	<b>2 (3)</b>	<b>5 (1)</b>	<b>- (3)</b>	<b>10 (5)</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>2006 €</b>	<b>2005 €</b>
Eastern Areas	2,833,146	1,999,647
Midland	386,585	262,648
Mid-Western	400,432	572,431
North Eastern	527,324	409,179
North Western	2,492,610	2,683,123
South Eastern	1,339,556	1,895,603
Southern	888,234	2,851,906
Western	1,194,506	1,258,308
<b>National</b>	<b>€10,062,393</b>	<b>€11,932,845</b>

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

