

DID YOU KNOW...

that the pharmaceutical industry makes billions of dollars a year?

Cholesterol-lowering drugs are one of the most prescribed drugs in the United States and the antipsychotic medication known as Abilify remains the best-selling drug.

A research firm compiled a rolling 12-month history (October 2013 to September 2014) of the top 100 drugs by total prescriptions and total sales in the United States.

Rosuvastatin (a cholesterol lowering drug) had about 22.3 million prescriptions, followed by levothyroxine (a hypothyroid drug), at about 22.3 million prescriptions; proton pump inhibitor esomeprazole (Nexium, AstraZeneca), at about 17.8 million prescriptions; and the asthma medications albuterol (Ventolin HFA, GlaxoSmithKline), at about 17.8 million prescriptions, and fluticasone propionate/salmeterol (Advair Diskus, GlaxoSmithKline), at about 14.5 million prescriptions.

Aripiprazole or Abilify had sales of \$7.5 billion, followed by the arthritis drug adalimumab (Humira, Abbott Laboratories, \$6.7 billion), hepatitis C drug sofosbuvir (Sovaldi, Gilead Sciences, \$6.7 billion), esomeprazole (Nexium, AstraZeneca, \$6.1 billion), and rosuvastatin (Crestor, AstraZeneca, \$5.8 billion).

While your Doctor of Chiropractic does not claim to cure or treat any disease, by removing nerve interference in the spine, thereby allowing the nervous system to function properly, many patients report back and reduction in the symptoms demanding many of the above chemicals.

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