

DEVELOPING DATA

ata from the 2014 Urgent Care Chart Survey of 1,778,075 blinded visits by patients to more than 800 different urgent care clinics, conducted by the Journal of Urgent Care Medicine, reveal that for 2014, the top three medication classes by volume projected to be prescribed at U.S. urgent care centers were, in descending order:

- Oral antibiotics, 72.9 million
- Corticosteroids, 20.5 million
- Narcotic analgesics, 14.9 million

The survey's methodology and data abstraction forms were initially designed in 2008 by researcher Robin M. Weinick, PhD, then an assistant professor at Harvard Medical School and a senior scientist at the Institute for Health Policy at Massachusetts General Hospital, and now associate director of RAND Health.

