



DEVELOPING DATA

Data from the 2014 Urgent Care Chart Survey of 150 million visits by patients to more than 800 different urgent care clinics, conducted by the *Journal of Urgent Care Medicine*, reveal that the top three most-prescribed medications at U.S. urgent care centers were, in descending order:

- Zithromax (azithromycin), for 12.12% of visits
- Amoxil (amoxicillin), for 8.25% of visits
- Deltasone (prednisone), for 7.07% of visits

The top 20 medications are shown here. We will report on the next 20 most-prescribed in another issue.

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. ■

TOP 20 MEDICATIONS PRESCRIBED (BRANDS AND GENERICS TOGETHER)

	Drug Name	Generic Name	Percent of Visits at Which Medication Was Prescribed	Total Projected Prescriptions
1	Zithromax	Azithromycin	12.12%	18,175,033
2	Amoxil	Amoxicillin	8.25%	12,380,910
3	Deltasone	Prednisone	7.07%	10,606,363
4	Augmentin	Amoxicillin-potassium clavulanate	5.68%	8,519,510
5	Lortab	Hydrocodone-acetaminophen	4.57%	6,856,068
6	Bactrim	Sulfamethoxazole-trimethoprim	3.94%	5,916,195
7	Flonase	Fluticasone	3.58%	5,367,929
8	Cipro	Ciprofloxacin	3.35%	5,026,096
9	Ibuprofen	Ibuprofen	3.09%	4,640,901
10	ProAir HFA	Albuterol sulfate	3.03%	4,538,739
11	Tessalon	Benzonatate	2.99%	4,486,941
12	Keflex	Cephalexin	2.76%	4,132,960
13	Medrol	Methylprednisolone	2.66%	3,988,532
14	Zofran ODT	Ondansetron	2.12%	3,186,760
15	Flexeril	Cyclobenzaprine	2.04%	3,066,376
16	Omnicef	Cefdinir	2.03%	3,051,528
17	Levaquin	Levofloxacin	1.93%	2,899,930
18	Cheratussin AC	Codeine-guaifenesin	1.86%	2,793,466
19	Ultram	Tramadol	1.82%	2,724,036
20	Naprosyn	Naproxen	1.70%	2,546,624