

BREADTH OF ANTICHOLINERGIC USE

This group of drugs is another that does not show extremely heavy concentration of usage by just one or two physicians.

For example, the five top prescribers of these anticholinergics account for less than half of the number of prescriptions, whereas in some of the other groups a single doctor may have been responsible for a majority of the prescriptions.

4-week prescriptions Anticholinergic group

	Number	Price
Total	54	\$181
Surgeon "B"	8	\$ 24
Internist "A"	5	\$ 23
Surgeon "A"	4	\$ 17
G.P. "B"	4	\$ 17
PT "G"	4	\$ 13
Internist "C"	3	\$ 10
PT "H"	3	\$ 8
G.P. "E"	3	\$ 5
14 other prescribers	20	\$ 64

One fact disclosed by the above listing is that these drugs have been adopted rather heavily by surgeons. Not only are two specialists in surgery shown in the eight top prescribers but also the two part-time specialists both have special interest in surgery.

PT — part-time specialist