

Table 1. Number of patients who had at least one prescription for a PBS/RPBS listed ADHD drug during the 2008 to 2010 calendar years, by age group and State/Territory.

Table 1 (a).
Calendar year 2008

Patients age group	State ²								Australia Total
	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	
2 to 6 years	864	408	523	106	140	113	15	21	2,190
7 to 11 years	8,409	3,557	5,280	917	1,863	706	141	269	21,142
12 to 16 years	9,856	4,325	5,404	1,084	2,942	709	136	360	24,816
17 years and over	5,371	3,022	2,616	1,008	4,898	360	50	622	17,947
Age unknown ¹	15	6	*	*	8	*	*	*	29
2008 Total	24,515	11,318	13,823	3,115	9,851	1,888	342	1,272	66,124

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Table 1 (b).
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Patients age group	State ²								Australia Total
	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	
2 to 6 years	920	440	549	103	158	109	12	26	2,317
7 to 11 years	8,989	3,713	5,809	996	1,944	690	155	302	22,598
12 to 16 years	10,415	4,505	6,140	1,064	2,835	755	166	382	26,262
17 years and over	6,205	3,577	3,172	1,151	5,455	398	74	710	20,742
Age unknown ¹	6	*	7	*	6	*	*	*	19
2009 Total	26,535	12,235	15,677	3,314	10,398	1,952	407	1,420	71,938

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Patients age group	State ²								Australia Total
	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	
2 to 6 years	1,007	423	572	113	142	113	13	23	2,406
7 to 11 years	9,373	3,769	6,227	974	1,990	673	157	334	23,497
12 to 16 years	10,726	4,627	6,231	1,002	2,709	777	162	391	26,625
17 years and over	7,270	3,937	3,947	1,182	6,036	425	71	844	23,712
Age unknown ¹	13	6	9	*	12	*	*	*	40
2010 Total	28,389	12,762	16,986	3,271	10,889	1,988	403	1,592	76,280

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Table 2 contains information by generic drug name. As patients may have received more than one of the indicated drugs within the year, the individual drug totals will not add up to the total number of patients.

Table 2. Number of patients who had at least one prescription for a PBS/RPBS listed ADHD drug during the 2008 to 2010 calendar years, by generic drug name, age and State/Territory.

Table 2 (a)
Calendar year 2008

Generic drug name	Patients age group	State ²								
		NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	Australia Total
ATOMOXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE	2 to 6 years	31	8	41	11	11	*	*	*	102
	7 to 11 years	625	281	759	99	142	36	*	36	1,978
	12 to 16 years	722	300	632	112	206	32	*	34	2,038
	17 years and over	418	152	242	39	218	12	*	25	1,106
	Age unknown ¹	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
ATOMOXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE Total		1,795	740	1,673	260	576	78	-4	94	5,212
DEXAMPHETAMINE SULFATE	2 to 6 years	151	94	181	35	35	51	*	*	547
	7 to 11 years	1,163	525	1,184	303	465	165	18	25	3,848
	12 to 16 years	1,287	796	1,368	405	1,004	173	19	33	5,085
	17 years and over	2,645	1,820	1,561	781	4,131	214	25	491	11,668
	Age unknown ¹	*	*	*	*	8	*	*	*	8
DEXAMPHETAMINE SULFATE Total		5,245	3,234	4,293	1,523	5,643	602	61	547	21,148
METHYLPHENIDATE HYDROCHLORIDE	2 to 6 years	749	336	367	79	114	69	15	19	1,748
	7 to 11 years	7,179	3,036	3,904	630	1,404	586	123	231	17,093
	12 to 16 years	8,367	3,550	3,888	680	1,933	555	117	313	19,403
	17 years and over	2,480	1,157	931	224	661	144	22	123	5,742
	Age unknown ¹	11	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	11
METHYLPHENIDATE HYDROCHLORIDE Total		18,786	8,078	9,089	1,612	4,111	1,353	276	685	43,990
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ATOMOXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE	2 to 6 years	24	26	33	*	*	*	*	*	83
	7 to 11 years	683	340	877	115	163	38	12	46	2,274
	12 to 16 years	810	364	825	109	202	43	11	39	2,403
	17 years and over	470	174	285	59	251	13	*	28	1,280
	Age unknown ¹	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
ATOMOXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE Total		1,986	903	2,019	281	614	92	21	112	6,028
DEXAMPHEMINE SULFATE	2 to 6 years	173	101	162	31	30	53	*	*	550
	7 to 11 years	979	416	1,078	248	395	129	11	21	3,277
	12 to 16 years	1,127	625	1,126	347	760	144	25	20	4,174
	17 years and over	2,729	2,133	1,698	841	4,483	220	38	548	12,690
	Age unknown ¹	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
DEXAMPHEMINE SULFATE Total		5,007	3,274	4,063	1,466	5,667	545	73	587	20,682
METHYLPHENIDATE HYDROCHLORIDE	2 to 6 years	798	361	414	82	136	65	12	22	1,890
	7 to 11 years	7,843	3,201	4,406	722	1,532	577	142	264	18,687
	12 to 16 years	8,947	3,758	4,601	694	2,030	596	142	344	21,112
	17 years and over	3,156	1,381	1,317	292	849	173	34	155	7,357
	Age unknown ¹	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
METHYLPHENIDATE HYDROCHLORIDE Total		20,743	8,700	10,737	1,789	4,546	1,410	329	784	49,038
2009 Total ³		26,535	12,235	15,677	3,314	10,398	1,952	407	1,420	71,938

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	7 to 11 years	702	412	1,025	120	137	53	10	45	2,504
	12 to 16 years	873	443	959	92	170	58	7	53	2,655
	17 years and over	543	203	328	66	239	19	*	91	1,489
	Age unknown ¹	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
ATOMOXETINE HYDROCHLORIDE Total		2,139	1,075	2,352	287	544	128	14	187	6,726
DEXAMPHETAMINE SULFATE	2 to 6 years	183	83	167	28	41	47	*	*	549
	7 to 11 years	847	351	952	199	350	108	9	12	2,828
	12 to 16 years	940	552	901	274	648	131	16	21	3,483
	17 years and over	2,795	2,154	1,910	826	4,775	214	41	608	13,323
	Age unknown ¹	*	*	*	*	7	*	*	*	7
DEXAMPHETAMINE SULFATE Total		4,764	3,139	3,929	1,326	5,821	499	65	639	20,182
METHYLPHENIDATE HYDROCHLORIDE	2 to 6 years	877	356	424	93	112	77	14	19	1,972
	7 to 11 years	8,295	3,246	4,803	731	1,621	560	147	293	19,696
	12 to 16 years	9,315	3,842	4,729	687	1,999	631	145	349	21,697
	17 years and over	4,096	1,709	1,872	330	1,179	203	31	197	9,617
	Age unknown ¹	10	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	10
METHYLPHENIDATE HYDROCHLORIDE Total		22,593	9,152	11,827	1,840	4,910	1,470	336	857	52,985
2010 Total ³		28,389	12,762	16,986	3,271	10,889	1,988	403	1,592	76,280

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