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Tēnā koe Nikita

Your request for official information, reference: **HNZ00073871**

Thank you for your email on 30 November 2024, transferred to Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora from the Ministry of Health on 11 December 2024 for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I am writing to

A. seek stats on unit dose dispensing of the following drugs from 2019 to date as per year stats.

- 1. Rivaroxaban*
- 2. Amiodarone*
- 3. Flecanide*
- 4. Dabigatrin*

B. The population age group using this drugs since 2019 to date as per year.

Response

Please refer to attached **HNZ00073871 Appendix One**, called “Count of publicly funded dispensings and initial dispensings of Amiodarone hydrochloride, Dabigatran, Flecanide acetate and Rivaroxaban by formulation, age group and calendar year between 1 January 2019 - 31 August 2024.

Please also note, this is provisional data. This is data has not undergone the validation process that we use for published data. We recommend that caveats are consistently used, underscoring that the data is provisional, not validated through a formal validation process, and could be subject to change.

You can also access some information in our Pharmaceutical Collection Data tool, and we have provided the links below for your information. Please note though that the Pharmaceutical Collection is a live dataset, whilst the Pharmaceutical Data Web Tool is a static extract. Comparing the two extracts may result in different figure.

- Background information on the tool [Pharmaceutical Collection – Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora](#)
- Pharmaceutical Collection Data tool tewhatauora.shinyapps.io/pharmaceutical-data-web-tool/.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at h.nzOIA@tewhatuora.govt.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Health NZ may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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