



benefitNEWS

Nexium is the Number One Selling Drug in the U.S.

With more than \$1.4 billion in U.S. sales for the third quarter of 2012, proton-pump inhibitor Nexium is the No. 1 selling drug in the U.S. according to new data released for the top 100 drugs by Drugs.com. Proton pump inhibitors are primarily used to treat people with gastric conditions, ulcers of the stomach or intestine, or other digestive disorders. Also in the top five for the third quarter were anti-psychotic Abilify (aripiprazole), cholesterol lowering statin Crestor (rosuvastatin), anti-depressant Cymbalta (duloxetine) and the rheumatoid arthritis drug Humira (adalimumab).

Merck's asthma and allergy drug Singulair (montelukast), which lost patent expiration in August, dropped out of the top five, falling to No. 23.

Humira, meanwhile, moved into the top five group by sales and displaced Lexapro (treats anxiety and major depressive disorders) to take the No. 1 spot for revenue increases with over \$135 million gained in the third quarter, according to Drugs.com.

The full list of all medications is available on line at www.drugs.com/stats/top100/sales

Should you have any questions about this topic, please contact your Conner Strong & Buckelew account representative.



connerstrong.com



877-861-3220



news@connerstrong.com



[Change My Preferences](#)



INSURANCE | RISK MANAGEMENT | EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

