In 2017, the average annual cost for the top ten orphan therapies used by the greatest number of patients was LESS THAN $10K.

In 2017, the FDA approved orphan indications.

In 2018, the FDA approved 94 orphan indications.

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TOTAL DRUG SPENDING IN THE UNITED STATES IN 2017

$451 BILLION

34.7% on non-orphan specialty drugs

55.7% on non-orphan traditional drugs

9.6% on orphan indications of approved orphan drugs

A 1.7 percentage point increase over 2016. Orphan drugs remain less than 10% of the overall medicine budget.


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