

# The Anatomical, Therapeutic, Chemical Classification System with Defined Daily Doses (ATC/DDD)

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Classification Scheme
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	The ATC/DDD system
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	334667
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 07/12/2005 <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016
<b>Definition:</b>	<p>The ATC/DDD system classifies therapeutic drug utilisation.</p> <p>The purpose of the ATC/DDD system is to serve as a tool for drug utilization research in order to improve quality of therapeutic drug use.</p>
<b>Classification structure:</b>	<p>In the ATC/DDD classification system, drugs are divided into different groups according to the organ or system on which they act and their chemical, pharmacological and therapeutic properties.</p> <p>Drugs are classified into five different levels. Drug consumption statistics (international and other levels) can be presented for each of these five levels.</p>

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Comments:</b>	<p>The Anatomical therapeutic classification (AT) was developed by the European Pharmaceutical Market Research Association (EPHRA). The ATC/DDD system and the AT classification have the same origin, but are developed for different purposes. Comparative tables are available.</p> <p>The ATC classification used the International Nonproprietary Name (INN) whenever possible.</p>
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## Source and reference attributes

<b>Reference documents:</b>	<p>The Guidelines for ATC classification and DDD assignment were published for the first time in the current format in 1990. The Guidelines are published in all 3 languages in paper format only.</p> <p>The Index was published as a paper copy in the current format in 1990 for the first time. The Index is published in the following languages and formats: English (all available indexes), German (paper version only), Spanish (paper version only).</p> <p>An online searchable database is also available at <a href="http://www.whocc.no/atcddd/">http://www.whocc.no/atcddd/</a>.</p>
<b>Revision status:</b>	<p>The system has been used for statistics since 1975.</p> <p>Years between revisions - 1</p> <p>Year of last revision - 2004</p> <p>Latest revision number - 6 for the Guidelines in the current format, 13 for the Index in the current format.</p>

## Relational attributes

<b>Value Domains based on this classification scheme:</b>	<a href="#">Medication type (ATC/DDD) code A[NN]AA[NN]</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 25/08/2011 <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016
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