

# Paracetamol

## Need short term pain relief?

You can buy paracetamol from a pharmacy or supermarket, please don't request them on prescription\*. We spent £800,000 on prescribed paracetamol in 2015. This is the equivalent of:



33

community nurses



38

drug treatment  
cures for breast  
cancer



145

hip replacements



949

drug treatment  
courses for  
Alzheimer's



1,114

cataract  
operations

A box of 32 paracetamol tablets on prescription costs the NHS four times# as much as it does to buy them from a pharmacy or supermarket.  
#approximately

\*If you are already regularly prescribed paracetamol for chronic pain you won't be affected.