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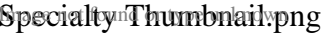
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# Specialty Medication Trends in 2018

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Emerging trends in pharmaceutical design and drug manufacturing are shifting toward presenting the market with new ways to develop medications. Specialty medications continue to be a major area of pharmaceutical development, and have become widely discussed in workers' comp due to their significant costs. Although they represent approximately 1% of drug utilization, they account for nearly 7% of prescription drug costs and represent the fastest-growing segment of the U.S. pharmaceutical market. While specialty drug products are often associated with a hefty price tag, some can offer clinical advantages when deployed for the right patient at the right time, making careful oversight and patient selection imperative to achieving desired outcomes in this space. Watch the [video blog](#) to learn more. 



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