Summary: Cardinal Health Inc. Oct 06

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Abstract
The rating on Dublin, Ohio-based Cardinal Health reflects the company's important position as one of the top three drug distributors in the U.S., its business diversity, and its strong financial condition, somewhat offset by lower profitability under a new drug distribution model and ongoing litigation issues. Cardinal Health competes with McKesson Corp. and AmerisourceBergen Corp. These companies represent about 90% of the entire drug wholesaling sector, which, in turn, comprises the vast majority of drugs distributed in the U.S. Drug distribution and other health care-related businesses enjoy solid growth prospects based on the favorable effects of an aging population. Although the distribution business has undergone substantial change leading to lower profits, reduced working capital investment has softened the decline. Moreover,...

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