

Cost	Reliability	Entities
641.86 Per Episode	C	Administração Central do Sistema de Saúde, I.P.

Update Likelihood	Reference Year
Medium	2017

Methodology

This value is mentioned in the [Tabela Nacional Grupos de Diagnóstico Homogéneo](#), published in *Diário da República*, in July of 2017. This table was published in a legal diploma which approves the price tables used by the Portuguese National Health Service's Institutions and Services with third parties legally or contractually responsible for the respective health services (GDH).

Please keep in mind that this value is only indicative of the cost for the State. This value is a proxy for the cost of the disease/treatment at the hospital level. It does not necessarily reflect a set of other costs associated with other levels of care for the same disease/treatment or even costs related to the same treatment process at the hospital itself.

This value does not apply to health services provided under *Contratos-Programa* for which the basic reference value for programmed inpatient care is €2.285,00, adjusted according to the degree of complexity of the care provided.

~~This value reflects a direct cost.~~

This value applies to the inpatient cost of a patient with viral meningitis, classified as being of a "Minor" severity level. An hospitalization, for the same diagnosis with an "Extreme" severity level is valued in €11.499,49.

The cost of the delivery of health services between admission and discharge is computed according to the *Grupos de Diagnósticos Homogéneos* (GDH) (Homogeneous Diagnosis Groups) classification system. GDHs are defined according to main diagnosis, surgical interventions, complications and associated pathologies, clinical procedures conducted, age, gender, destination after discharge and weight at birth. The cost for each GDH **includes all services provided during the hospitalization, namely all clinical care, hospitality, exams and treatments, from admission to discharge.** Each GDH is subdivided into 4 levels of severity, in ascending order: "Minor", "Moderate", "Major", and "Extreme".



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