



Cataract

Slovakia



In payment mechanisms, separate the labor/procedure costs (human work, surgery) and the material costs (lens, tissue, etc.).
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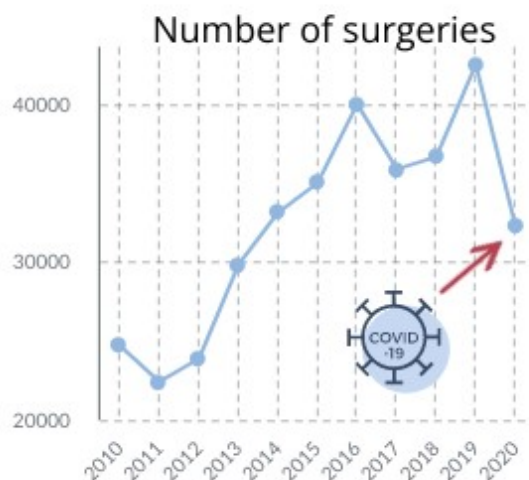
Payment mechanism

Pre-operative treatment

16 EUR
Fully reimbursed from Health Insurance Company Code 60 b

or

40 EUR by the patient



Source: NCZI, 2021

Surgery

separate payments for surgery and material



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Lenses are fully reimbursed from Health Insurance Company for 98% of patients
Categorization - XF group
Each subcategory has a maximum reimbursement limit

Surgery	Payment
outpatient care 91 %	340-412 EUR
inpatient care 9 %	440-450 EUR



Waiting list for the surgery is 1-6 months

Insufficient, care providers recommend 700-750 EUR.

Post-operative check up



five controls

6,5-7 EUR/1 control
Fully reimbursed from Health Insurance Company Code 62 or 63

or

50 EUR/control by the patient
2 controls are free and 3 are paid

Compliance with the limit	Payment
the price does not exceed the limit	Health Insurance company
the price exceeds the limit	Health Insurance company + Copayment



Good practice

- No financial limit, no limits on volumes allowed
- Surgeries within the ambulatory care
- Separate payment for lenses
- Reference pricing in lenses + using market forces
- Quality criteria



Room for improvement

- XF group includes lenses with zero consumption (discard costs €300)
- The listing payments should be introduced and setting an international database for price cross-country comparison

Access to healthcare services in the context of financing mechanisms. The case of ophthalmology



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