



Glaucoma

"Glaucoma surgery is underfunded, with historically low reimbursements, but affordable."
Manager and owner of ophthalmology clinics, more than for 22 years in ophthalmology

Treatment approaches

DRUG TREATMENT



Type of drug	Fully covered	With copayment
substances that reduce the production of intraocular fluid	latanoprost	travoprost
substances affecting the outflow of intraocular fluid	timolol	certeol
osmotic substances - hyperosmotics	Idorzolamide	brinzolamide

2017
367 000 dispensary patients

10,600 underwent surgeries

LASER OPERATIONS



laser treatment of primary angle-closure glaucoma (laser iridectomy)

laser treatment of open-angle glaucoma (laser trabeculoplasty)

14 000 laser treatment in 2021

SURGICAL APPROACH



Fully reimbursed from Health Insurance Fund

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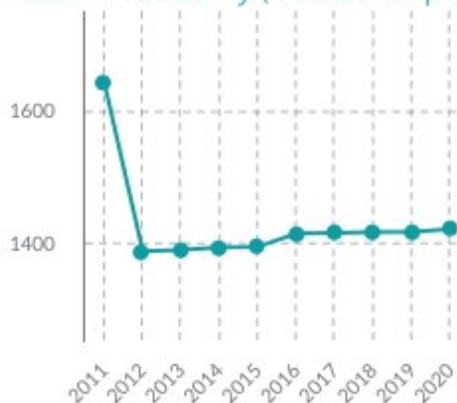
52-800 EUR (1 300-20 000 CZK)
Co-Payments only for self-payers and foreigners

65%



Around 65% of all cases are people 65+

Laser iridectomy (number of points)



Source: VZP ČR, 2021



Payment mechanism =

FFS point value

Contracting codes	Direct costs (points)	Personal costs (points)	Indirect costs (point)	Total costs (points)	Total costs (CZK)
75339	1169	483	236	1887	2075
75337	1086	241	118	1446	1590
75341	50	72	89	211	232
75335	240	97	118	455	500

Contracting codes:
75539 - Trabeculectomy
75337 - Iridectomy

75341 - Cyklo-cryotherapy
75335 - Laser surgery at the angle of the anterior chamber of the eye

Source: VZP ČR, 2021



Good practice

- Reimbursement of a wide range of pharmaceuticals



Room for improvement

- There should be paid an attention to underfinancing - glaucoma surgery is underfunded, with historically low reimbursements

- Introduce and require more targeted instructions (OCT - Optical coherence tomography examination) whether these are really glaucoma patients

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

