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Ophthalmologist and owner of a leading ophthalmological clinic

Payment mechanism

Pre-operative treatment

100 EUR
- Health insurance company or copayment

290
transplants
in 2020



Waiting list for the transplantation is 6-12 months

Corneal transplant

- Health insurance company + copayment

Type of corneal transplant	Code	Payment EUR	Copayment	Self-payers
anterior keratoplasty	8710A	2134-2589 EUR	450 EUR	2920 EUR
posterior keratoplasty	8710B	2134-2589 EUR	450 EUR	2920 EUR

Source: NCZI, health insurance companies

Post-operative check up

anterior keratoplasty: 12x, 1 is for free, then 11 x 20 EUR
posterior keratoplasty: 2 years (free).

Bundled payment

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Real costs

2134 EUR - 2589 EUR
Insufficient

3 500 - 4 000 EUR
(only the cornea management costs 2 000 EUR)



Good practice

- Specialized centres to carry out treatments



Room for improvement

- The bundled payment does not cover the real costs. The main improvement would be, if the procedure and tissue are paid separately and for real prices and the tissue should be categorized as special material.

- Copayment

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

