

Table 4. Unitary costs (€).

	Value	Code	Source
<i>Treatments</i>			
Major head and neck surgery	5,444	DRG 49	Regional DRG tariff
Intensity modulated radiation therapy, including computed tomography (more than 5 sessions)	10,000	92.29.L	Regional tariff
Administration of high-cost chemotherapeutics (including specialist visits and laboratory tests)	44.00	MAC01	Regional tariff
Cetuximab (100 mg) *	153.56		File F
Cisplatin (50 mg) *	5.09		Local charge
5-Fluorouracil (500 mg) *	1.72		Local charge
Home-based palliative care (100 days)	2,100		[376]
Hospital admissions one month before death	4,000**		[387]
<i>Imaging</i>			
Computed tomography of head and neck with contrast	159.93	87.03.1/8	Regional tariff
Magnetic resonance imaging of head and neck with contrast	238.87	88.91.7	Regional tariff
Positron emission tomography (brain PET)	1,081.86	92.11.7	Regional tariff
<i>Specialist visits</i>			
First visit	22.50	89.7B.6	Regional tariff
Control visit	17.90	89.01.F	Regional tariff
<i>Laboratory tests</i>			
Blood cell count	4.05	90.62.2	Regional tariff
Urea	1.70	90.44.1	Regional tariff
Creatinine blood test	1.70	90.16.3	Regional tariff
Sodium	1.70	90.40.4	Regional tariff
Potassium	1.70	90.37.4	Regional tariff
Calcium	1.70	90.11.4	Regional tariff
Aspartate aminotransferase	1.70	90.09.2	Regional tariff
Alanine aminotransferase	1.70	90.04.5	Regional tariff
Bilirubin	1.70	90.10.4	Regional tariff
Alkaline phosphatase	1.70	90.23.5	Regional tariff
Thyrotropin	8.40	90.42.1	Regional tariff
Free thyroxin	9.50	90.42.3	Regional tariff
<i>Other</i>			
Phone call (cost/minute)	0.10		Telecom Italia

* Drug costs are VAT excluded. ** This value is approximated from a graph [387]. DRG: diagnosis-related group. MAC: complex outpatient macro-activity; PET: positron emission tomography.