

Webtable 4: Estimated therapy costs (in € 100/month) with standard deviations. Data from the EHL and the Upper Austrian Health Insurance were used for the cost parameters. Total annual therapy costs include costs for inpatient and outpatient treatment, including non-ESRD related admissions, costs for medications including ESAs and i.v. iron, costs for transportation to the renal unit as well as costs for renal replacement therapy itself. Costs were distinguished between the first year (0-12 months), the second year (13-24 months) and subsequent years (beyond 25 months) after initiation of the treatment for hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis and kidney transplantation. Annual therapy costs for kidney transplantation during the first 12 months were furthermore separated depending on the donor source (living donor or deceased donor). Note that the column SD refers to the sample standard deviation and not to the standard deviation of the mean (i.e., the standard error).

	Parameters	Mean	
Costs HD (€ 100/month)	hospital HD and hospital care	30.1	9.4
	medication	2.9	3.7
	transportation	3.3	3.7
	Total	36.3	10.8
Costs HP (€ 100/month)	hospital HD and hospital care	27.1	7.5
	medication	2.9	3.7
	transportation	3.3	3.7
	Total	33.3	9.1
Costs HM (€ 100/month)	hospital HD and hospital care	27.6	8.5
	medication	2.9	3.7
	transportation	3.3	3.7
	Total	33.8	10.0
Costs PD (€ 100/month)	hospital care	15.2	18.0
	medications	2.4	2.0
	treatment	2.2	1.6
	transportation	1.8	1.5
	Total	21.6	18.2
Costs PP (€ 100/month)	hospital care	8.9	18.1
	medications	2.4	2.0
	treatment	2.2	1.6
	transportation	1.8	1.5
	Total	15.3	18.3
Costs PM (€ 100/month)	hospital care	10.7	16.5
	medications	2.4	2.0
	treatment	2.2	1.6
	transportation	1.8	1.5
	Total	17.1	16.8
Costs TL	living donation	8.1	1.6

(€ 100/month)	transplantation and hospital care	24.6	9.2
	immunosuppressives	7.2	2.3
	other medications	2.5	3.3
	Total	42.4	10.2
Costs TD	deceased donor	2.6	1.2
(€ 100/month)	transplantation and hospital care	30.1	19.6
	immunosuppressives	6.7	3.2
	other medications	2.6	2.7
	registration fee	0.5	-
	Total	42.5	20.1
Costs TP	hospital care	5.3	9.8
(€ 100/month)	immunosuppressives	7.1	3.6
	other medications	1.9	3.0
	Total	14.3	10.8
Costs TM	hospital care	5.3	9.6
(€ 100/month)	immunosuppressives	5.2	3.8
	other medications	0.1	1.4
	Total	10.7	10.4