

Supplementary file 1. Cost used in the economic evaluation

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Costs used in the economic evaluation are presented in Table 1. We established medical costs per visit to a General Practitioner, sports physician/orthopedic surgeon or physiotherapist based on a guideline for economic evaluations in healthcare published by the Dutch Healthcare Authority.(1, 2) In 2018 shockwave therapy was gathered under regular physiotherapy.(3) To prevent overestimating we gathered Dry Needling and Laser therapy under regular therapy as well. Healthcare costs per visit to a podiatrist were estimated using an independent healthcare insurance comparator. (4)

Direct healthcare costs per visit	Euro's
General practitioner (<20 min)	33.0 (\$37)
Sports Physician/Orthopedic Surgeon)	91.0 (\$101)
Physiotherapist (intake)	33.0 (\$37)
Shockwave therapy	33.0 (\$37)
Laser therapy or EPTE	33.0 (\$37)
Dry Needling	33.0 (\$37)
Injection	40.06 (\$44)
Podiatrist	150.0 (\$167)

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