

Appendix

Table i: Emergency department visit costs by triage code and admitted status, based on the Australian Public Hospitals Cost Report 2013-2014 Round 18 (16). Costs were adjusted to financial year 2015-2016 using Consumer Price Index change for health between December 2013 and December 2015 (10%), calculated using the mid-points of 2013-2014 and 2015-2016 financial years based on data released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (17). Amounts are in Australian Dollars.

Admitted status	Triage code	Cost 2013-14	Cost 2015-16
Admitted	1	\$1,815	\$1,994.51
Admitted	2	\$1,207	\$1,326.37
Admitted	3	\$942	\$1,035.16
Admitted	4	\$754	\$828.57
Admitted	5	\$594	\$652.75
Deceased on arrival		\$168	\$184.62
Not admitted	1	\$1,374	\$1,509.89
Not admitted	2	\$822	\$903.30
Not admitted	3	\$573	\$629.67
Not admitted	4	\$371	\$407.69
Not admitted	5	\$262	\$287.91
Did not wait		\$159	\$174.73
Transfer presentation		\$1,088	\$1,195.60
Died in ED		\$1,350	\$1,483.52

Table ii: Salary rates used to calculate IMPACT staff costs, based on the NSW Health state award [22]. Amounts are in Australian Dollars.

Profession	Calculation method	Hourly rate (salary only)	Hourly rate (with oncosts*)
Social worker	Midpoint of level 2 year 4 and level 3 year 1 (midpoint of levels 1-6) – levels 7-8 not considered as they are managerial)	\$44.15	\$49.10
D&A specialist	Midpoint of levels 3 and 4 in NSW Health staff specialist award	\$89.38	\$98.63

*9.5% base salary as superannuation, plus \$1,500 infrastructure support per worker per annum converted to an hourly rate based on a 38-hour week.