

Annex A***Economic burden***

A typical cost to a Singapore citizen for an episode of hyperkalemia would be as such in the year 2017. The cost for a Permanent Resident would be more.

Test	Cost born by patient (SGD)
Potassium, serum or K/Na/Cl, serum	3.90
Creatinine, serum	2.75
Electrocardiogram	10.30
First doctor consult	12.50
Sodium Polystyrene Sulfonate x 1 bottle (optional and may/may not be prescribed)	42.50
Second doctor consult	12.50
Total Cost for 1 patient with hyperkalemia	84.45
Total Cost for 1,362 patients with false hyperkalemia	115,020.90

*The prices for the blood tests and medications as well as consultations serve as a guide for consults in 2017, and does not reflect current prices.

Since 2017, the price of a doctor's consultation has increased to SGD 13.50 per consult, and the price of lab tests payable by patients has similarly inflated by about 10 percent. Most doctors will pair a repeat potassium with creatinine, unless creatinine was normal or stable to begin with for patients with existing chronic kidney disease.