

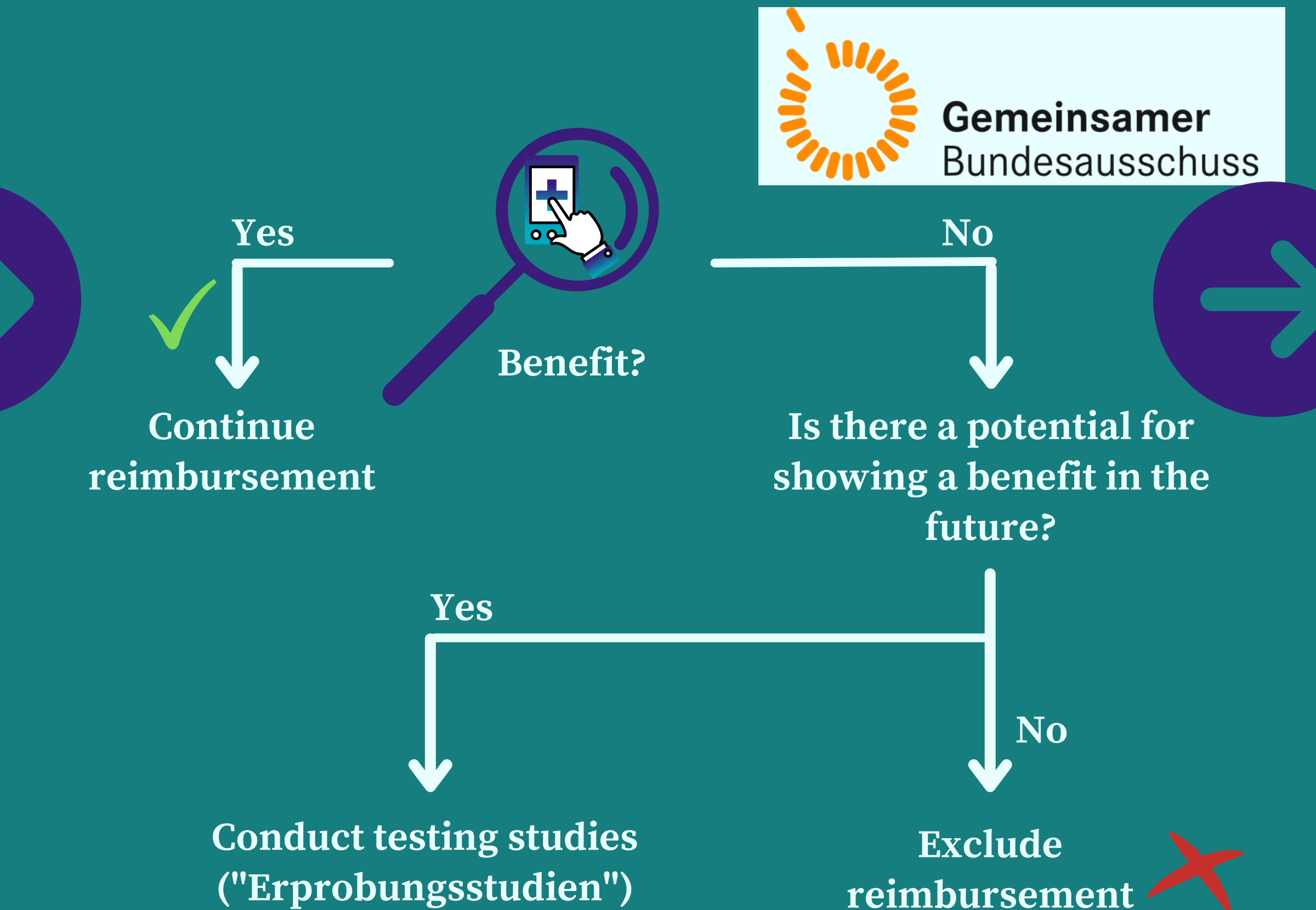


**Reimbursement
of medical devices
in inpatient sector**

Methods used in
inpatient care are
reimbursed by the SHI funds,
unless they have explicitly
been excluded from
reimbursement by
the G-BA.



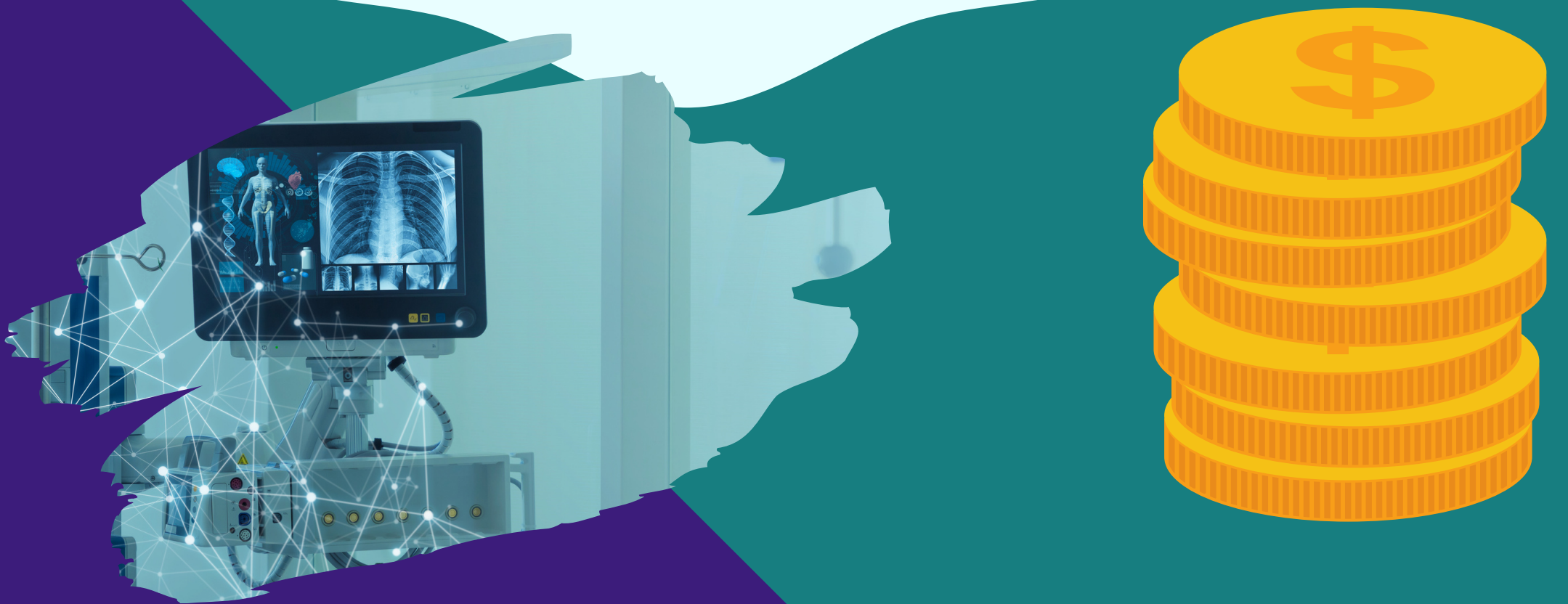
In order to decide whether to exclude a method, the G-BA assesses its benefit.



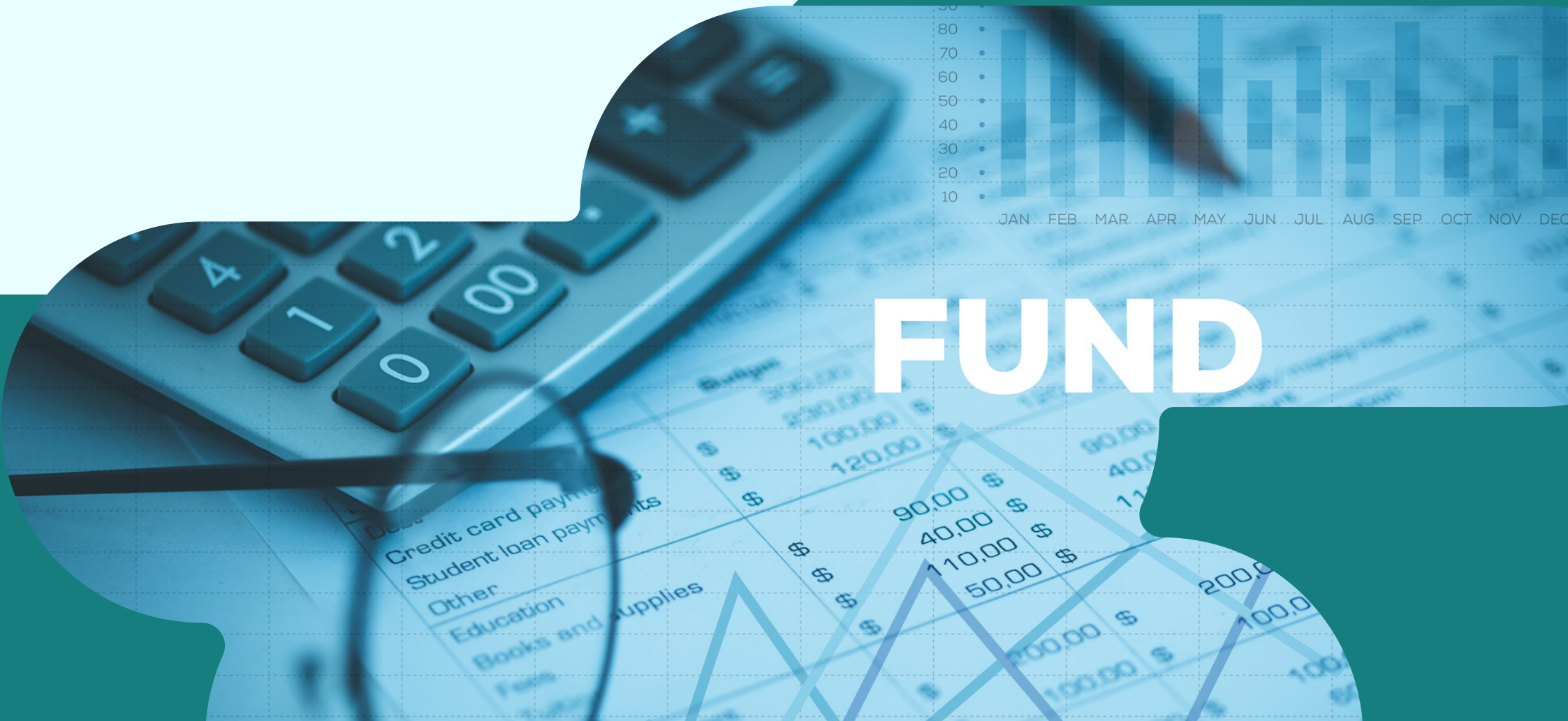
The G-DRG
determines the costs
of hospital treatments
of all patients, i.e.
both, patients with
SHI or with private
health insurance.



This flat G-DRG fee also includes the costs for drugs and medical devices. Therefore, when a new costly medical device is introduced, the existing G-DRG might not sufficiently cover these costs.



Therefore, hospitals can apply for “Additional funds” (German: “Zusatzentgelte”), until the G-DRG is updated to reflect the new medical device.



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