

# The Cost of Illness of Invasive Meningococcal Disease Caused by Neisseria Meningitidis Serogroup B in the Netherlands, a Holistic Approach.

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## METHODS

**Table S1.** Consumer price index in the Netherlands<sup>1</sup>

<b>Year</b>	<b>CPI</b>	<b>CPI Multiplier</b>
<b>2000</b>	75.06	1.471
<b>2001</b>	78.17	1.412
<b>2002</b>	80.74	1.367
<b>2003</b>	82.43	1.339
<b>2004</b>	83.48	1.322
<b>2005</b>	84.88	1.301
<b>2006</b>	85.82	1.286
<b>2007</b>	87.20	1.266
<b>2008</b>	89.37	1.235
<b>2009</b>	90.44	1.221
<b>2010</b>	91.59	1.205
<b>2011</b>	93.73	1.178
<b>2012</b>	96.04	1.149
<b>2013</b>	98.44	1.121
<b>2014</b>	99.40	1.111
<b>2015</b>	100.00	1.104
<b>2016</b>	100.32	1.100
<b>2017</b>	101.70	1.085
<b>2018</b>	103.44	1.067
<b>2019</b>	106.16	1.040
<b>2020</b>	107.51	1.027

Notes: 2015=100

Abbreviations: CPI, consumer price index.

**Table S2.** Direct costs of the acute phase of invasive meningococcal disease and sequelae in the first year (1st year) and the subsequent years (2nd+ year).

	Base case	Costs 1 <sup>st</sup> year		Costs 2 <sup>nd</sup> + year			Distribution
		Lower value	Upper value	Base case	Lower value	Upper value	
<b>IMD Acute phase</b>							
<i>Healthcare costs<sup>a</sup></i>							
0–6 m	€10,928	€7,223	€15,571	-	-	-	Gamma
6–24 m	€8,727	€6,819	€13,351	-	-	-	Gamma
2–4 y	€8,727	€7,223	€12,543	-	-	-	Gamma
5–9 y	€8,031	€7,223	€10,231	-	-	-	Gamma
10–19 y	€8,727	€7,223	€12,432	-	-	-	Gamma
20–64 y	€9,332	€6,939	€12,534	-	-	-	Gamma
≥65 y	€13,621	€5,088	€20,538	-	-	-	Gamma
<i>Public health response costs<sup>b</sup></i>	€175.70	SD: 35					Gamma
<b>Sequelae<sup>c</sup></b>							
<i>Hearing loss</i>							
Cochlear implant	€46,018	€36,815	€55,222	€3,574	€1,255	€5,893	Gamma
Moderate bilateral	€2,960	€2,368	€3,552	€225	€180	€270	Gamma
Moderate unilateral	€989	€791	€1,187	€157	€125	€188	Gamma
<i>Neurological disability</i>							
Severe neurological	€3,600	€2,253	€4,947	€570	€121	€1,020	Gamma
Mental retardation / low IQ	€8,401	€6,721	€10,081	€8,401	€6,721	€10,081	Gamma
Speech problems	€4,106	€3,285	€4,927		-		Gamma
Motor deficits	€2,437	€1,950	€2,925	€1,394	€1,116	€1,673	Gamma
<i>Limb amputation</i>	€74,473	€66,069	€82,877	€16,680	€13,344	€20,017	Gamma
<i>Epilepsies / seizures</i>	€669	€536	€803	-	-	-	Gamma
<i>Skin scarring</i>	€1,305	€724	€1,886	-	-	-	Gamma
<i>Renal disease</i>	-	-	-	€146	€117	€176	Gamma
<i>Blindness / severe visual impairment</i>	€2,750	€734	€4,767	€2,750	€734	€4,767	Gamma

<i>Psychological impairments</i>							
ADHD	€5,113	€4,091	€6,136	€5,113	€4,091	€6,136	Gamma
Depression 18 y-	€76	€60	€91	€76	€60	€91	Gamma
Depression 18 y+	€655	€524	€786	€655	€524	€786	Gamma
Anxiety 18 y-	€76	€60	€91	€76	€60	€91	Gamma
Anxiety 18 y+	€432	€346	€519	€432	€346	€519	Gamma
Separation anxiety	€76	€60	€91	€76	€60	€91	Gamma

Notes: <sup>a</sup> IMD acute phase costs were calculated and include: costs for GP visit, hospitalisation and Intensive Care Unit. <sup>b</sup> Public health response costs were based on the assumption of Welte et al, 2004<sup>2</sup> and were updated with costs retrieved from KNMP kennisbank<sup>3</sup>; medicijnkosten<sup>4</sup>; and Hakkaart-van Roijen et al. 2016<sup>7</sup> .. <sup>c</sup>Sequelae costs were calculated as indicated in the Supplementary Material and include costs for inpatient and outpatient care, and rehabilitation.

Abbreviations: ADHD, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder; GP, general practitioner; IMD, invasive meningococcal disease; IQ, intelligence quotient; m, months; SD, standard deviation; y, years.

**Table S3.** Parameters of the acute phase of invasive meningococcal disease

Parameters	Base case	Lower value	Upper value	Source
<b>Number of GP Visits</b>	1			Experts
<b>Median stay at hospital by age (days)</b>				
0–6 m	11	8	15	
6–24 m	9	8	11	
2–4 y	9	8	11	
5–9 y	8	8	10	Stoof et al, 2015 <sup>5</sup>
10–19 y	9	8	12	
20–64 y	13	10	16	
≥65 y	15	6.5	23.5	
All ages	10	8	13	
<b>Probability of ICU admission</b>	36.10%			Loenenbach et al, 2020 <sup>6</sup>
<b>Median stay at ICU by age (days)</b>				
0–6 m	4	2	6.3	
6–24 m	3	1.5	7	
2–4 y	3	2	6	
5–9 y	3	2	4	Stoof et al, 2015 <sup>5</sup>
10–19 y	3	2	5	
20–64 y	3	2	5	
≥65 y	7	2	10	
All ages	3	2	5	
<b>Number of follow-up visits for survivors without sequelae</b>	1			Expert
<b>Direct medical costs (2021)</b>				Hakkaart- van Roijen et al, 2016 <sup>7</sup>
GP visit	€36.65			
Hospital admission (price per day)				
General hospital	€528.63			
University hospital	€696.32			
Nursing day in ICU (including diagnostics + medication)	€2,237.79			
Follow-up visit				
Paediatrician	€112.17			
Neurologist	€109.95			

Abbreviations: GP, general practitioner; ICU, intensive care unit; IMD, invasive meningococcal disease; m, months; SD, standard deviation; y, years.

**Table S4.** Description of direct medical cost estimated per sequela.

<b>Sequelae</b>	<b>Description</b>
<i>Hearing loss</i>	
Cochlear implant	<p>The first year, a similar approach as Pouwels et al<sup>8</sup> was applied using DBC costs to implantation (DBC-code 089999036) and rehabilitation (DBC-code 089999101).</p> <p>The following years, cost estimates by Beck et al<sup>9</sup> were applied and include: audiological assessment costs, maintenance costs of the cochlear implant and costs of 3 years of rehabilitation therapy.<sup>10</sup></p> <p>This approach includes only one cochlear implant, additional costs for maintenance or replacement were not included.</p>
Moderate unilateral	Costs were obtained from Linssen et al <sup>11</sup> and include: costs of two Ear Nose Throat consultations, a hearing aid, and annual costs for batteries, maintenance, and aftercare of the hearing aid. <sup>7</sup>
Moderate bilateral	Costs were calculated as for unilateral hearing loss. <sup>7,11</sup> However, cost items were multiplied by two (i.e., hearing aid, batteries, maintenance, and aftercare). Rehabilitation therapy was included (i.e., speech and language therapy), during the first year as patients were expected to quickly develop accustomed to moderate hearing loss.
<i>Neurological disability</i>	
Severe neurological	Costs were obtained from two economic studies by Scholz et al <sup>12</sup> and Beck et al. <sup>9</sup> Mean average costs were converted to Dutch price levels using the purchasing power parities. <sup>13</sup>
Mental retardation / low IQ	Direct medical costs were obtained from Olesen et al. <sup>14</sup>
Speech problems	Costs were calculated based on Beecham et al findings. <sup>15</sup> Forty-eight speech and communication therapist visits and 24 occupational therapist visits were assumed during the first year. The costs per speech therapist or occupational therapist visit were obtained from the Dutch Costing Manual. <sup>7</sup>
Motor deficits	Costs were calculated based on Beck et al approach. <sup>9</sup> Four sessions with a rehabilitation therapist and 40 sessions with a physiotherapist were assumed in the first year <sup>15</sup> . The contact with a therapist was assumed to last throughout childhood, however, based on a study of Wright et al, <sup>16</sup> the number of visits is reduced by 40% in the subsequent years to 2 rehabilitation visits and 24 physiotherapy visits.
<i>Limb amputation</i>	
	First year costs were derived from previously published cost-effectiveness analyses <sup>8,17</sup> which assumed that all survivors with amputation required hospitalization within a few weeks for treatment of amputations. Rehabilitation costs were derived from Visser et al, <sup>18</sup> in which the follow-up cost in the first year include costs for rehabilitation, prosthesis, adjustment to the house, domiciliary care and admission to a

	nursing home due to amputation of the limb. In the following years, follow-up costs include maintenance of prosthesis, domiciliary care, and admission to a nursing home.
<i>Epilepsies / seizures</i>	Seizures were assumed to only occur in the IMD acute phase. Treatment costs included: medication and biannual monitoring for the first two years (because children who remain free of symptoms after taking medication for 1–2 years can safely discontinue their medication). Resource use was based on an expert opinion (i.e., neurologist specialized in children). Costs for medical treatment <sup>19</sup> and neurologist visits <sup>7</sup> were obtained from literature.
<i>Skin scarring</i>	First year costs were derived from previously published cost-effectiveness analyses, <sup>8,17</sup> which assume that 33% of IMD survivors with scars needed to be hospitalized again for their treatment. Depending on the severity, the patient is treated by a rehabilitation therapist once every 3 months for severe complication (Expert opinion from Advisory board with MenB experts). For the base case, the average resource use was included. The costs related to skin scarring were only assumed in the first year. No costs for plastic surgery due to scars were included.
<i>Renal disease</i>	During the first year, no additional costs were assumed as were already included in the IMD acute phase cost. <sup>3</sup> Based on a study by Buysse et al, <sup>20</sup> we assumed that 6% would develop chronic kidney disease. The weighted average of the treatment costs for chronic kidney disease (CKD) stage 1–4 was obtained from Vekeman et al <sup>21</sup> and include dialysis, medication, outpatient care, and inpatient care such as surgery, non-surgical procedures, scans.
<i>Blindness / severe visual impairment</i>	Costs are based on two economic studies by Scholz et al <sup>12</sup> and Beck et al <sup>9</sup> Mean average costs were converted to Dutch price levels for 2020 using the purchasing power parities. <sup>13</sup>
<i>Psychological impairments</i>	
ADHD	Costs in children 8–18 years included: doctor’s consultation (i.e., consultation at the GP, psychologist, medical specialist, physiotherapist, occupational therapist, speech therapist and alternative therapy), training, day-care treatment, hospitalization, medication, and diet. <sup>22</sup> An average duration of 10 years of treatment was assumed. <sup>22</sup>
Depression, anxiety and separation anxiety.	We assumed that 4% of the children with anxiety or depression were referred for treatment. <sup>23</sup> Anxiety costs were derived from Bodden et al. <sup>23</sup> Direct medical costs include doctor’s consultations (i.e., psychologist, psychiatrist and GP), anxiety medication, pharmacists fee and institutionalized treatment. <sup>23</sup> Separation anxiety is only included until the age of 12 years. <sup>24</sup> Depression costs for children were assumed to be the same as anxiety costs. <sup>23</sup> For adults, 66% seek professional care. <sup>25</sup> Costs for anxiety were derived from Smit et al. <sup>26</sup> Costs for depression were derived from Bosmans et al. <sup>27</sup>

Direct cost includes doctor's consultations (i.e., GP, physical therapy, mental health care), dietician visits, and medication. Estimated costs for anxiety and depression are not specific for IMD.

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Abbreviations: ADHD, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder; DBC, Diagnose Behandelings Combinatie (dutch); GP, general practitioner; IQ, intelligence quotient; IMD, invasive meningococcal disease.



**Table S5.** Annual special educational cost per sequelae and age

<b>Age (years)</b>	<b>Cochlear implant<sup>28</sup></b>	<b>Severe neurological<sup>29</sup></b>	<b>Mental retardation / low IQ<sup>29</sup></b>	<b>Motor deficits<sup>29</sup></b>	<b>Limb amputation<sup>29</sup></b>	<b>Blindness / severe visual impairment<sup>28</sup></b>	<b>ADHD<sup>22</sup></b>
4	€1,515	€12,962	€5,832	€8,563	€8,563	€ 1,515	€2,701
5	€1,515	€12,962	€5,832	€8,563	€8,563	€ 1,515	€2,701
6	€1,900	€12,962	€5,832	€8,563	€8,563	€ 1,900	€2,701
7	€1,515	€12,962	€5,832	€8,563	€8,563	€ 1,515	€2,701
8	€1,515	€13,633	€5,416	€9,281	€9,281	€ 1,515	€2,701
9	€1,515	€13,633	€5,416	€9,281	€9,281	€ 1,515	€2,701
10	€1,515	€13,633	€5,416	€9,281	€9,281	€ 1,515	€2,701
11	€1,515	€12,677	€5,416	€9,281	€9,281	€ 1,515	€2,701
12–18	€1,540	€12,677	€5,884	€10,264	€10,264	€ 1,540	€2,701

Abbreviations: ADHD, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder; IQ, intelligence quotient.

**Table S6.** Days of productivity loss due to premature mortality

		Base case <sup>5</sup>		SD	Distribution	Scenario 4 <sup>2</sup>	
No. Days productivity loss		Children	Parents			Children	Parents
	0–6 m		11	2.2	gamma		3.32
	6–24 m		9	1.8			3.32
	2–4 y		9	1.8			3.32
	5–9 y		8	1.6			3.32
	10–14 y		9	1.8			3.32
	15–19 y	9		1.8		18.87	
	20–64 y	13		2.6		18.87	
	≥65 y	15		3.0		18.87	
	All ages	10		2.0		18.87	

Note: Scenario 4 refers to Welte et al<sup>2</sup> approach for the number of days of productivity loss of the patient or parent due to the IMD acute phase as shown in Table S9.

Abbreviations: IMD, invasive meningococcal disease; m, months; SD, standard deviation; y, years.

**Table S7.** Percentage of productivity loss due to sequelae

<b>Sequelae</b>	<b>Productivity loss (%) Base case <sup>a</sup></b>	<b>SD</b>	<b>Source</b>
<b>Hearing loss</b>			
Cochlear implant	46.50%	0.2488	Dutch Public health and health care <sup>30</sup>
Moderate bilateral	27.0%	0.1971	Scholz et al, 2019 <sup>12</sup>
Moderate unilateral	29.00%	0.2059	
<b>Neurological disability</b>			
Severe neurological	46.50%	0.2488	Scholz et al, 2019 <sup>12</sup>
Mental retardation / low IQ	18.70%	0.1520	Dutch Public health and health care <sup>30</sup>
Speech problems	27.00%	0.1971	Scholz et al, 2019 <sup>12</sup>
Motor deficits	46.50%	0.2488	Dutch Public health and health care <sup>30</sup>
<b>Limb amputation</b>	46.50%	0.2488	Dutch Public health and health care <sup>30</sup>
<b>Epilepsies / seizures</b>	0%	-	
<b>Skin scarring</b>	16.00%	0.1344	Scholz et al, 2019 <sup>12</sup>
<b>Renal disease<sup>b</sup></b>	52.00%	0.2496	
<b>Blindness / severe visual impairment</b>	46.50%	0.2488	Dutch Public health and health care <sup>30</sup>
<b>Psychological impairments</b>			
ADHD	38.00%	0.2356	Scholz et al, 2019 <sup>12</sup>
Depression	38.00%	0.2356	
Anxiety	38.00%	0.2356	
Separation anxiety <sup>c</sup>	0%	-	

Notes: <sup>a</sup> Distribution beta, <sup>b</sup> The productivity loss only applies to 6% (one of the 16 patients) of the patients with renal disease due to chronic kidney diseases<sup>12</sup>, <sup>c</sup> Until 12 years of age.

Abbreviations: ADHD, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder; IQ, intelligence quotient; SD, standard deviation.

**Table S8.** Parameters included in the sensitivity analysis

<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Variation</b>	<b>Base value</b>	<b>Lower bound</b>	<b>Upper bound</b>
MenB-related IMD cases	+/- 25%		Age dependent	
Case fatality rate	+/-20%		Age dependent	
Age at first child (years) <sup>31</sup>	+/-25%	29.9	22	37
Percentage long-term care <sup>17,32</sup>	Low/high value	25%	0% †	50% †
Percentage special education need <sup>8,17</sup>	Low/high value	50%	0% ‡	100% ‡

Abbreviations: MenB-related IMD, *Neisseria meningitis* serogroup B invasive meningococcal disease.

† Assumption: None or all survivors need long-term care, respectively.

‡ Assumption: Non or all survivors need special education, respectively.

**Table S9.** Scenarios included in the sensitivity analysis

<b>Scenario 1:</b> Direct medical costs	Cost data from Scholz et al <sup>12</sup> was applied for the direct medical costs of the sequelae, in which the costs were adapted using cost conversion methods (i.e., purchasing power parities). <sup>13</sup> Costs are shown in Table 3.
<b>Scenario 2:</b> Direct medical costs	Cost data from Beck et al <sup>9</sup> was applied for the direct medical costs of the sequelae, in which the costs were adapted using cost conversion methods (i.e., purchasing power parities). <sup>13</sup> Costs are shown in Table 3
<b>Scenario 3:</b> Public health response and outbreak management costs	The public health response and outbreak management cost found in Scholz et al <sup>12</sup> were applied using purchasing power parities. <sup>13</sup> These costs included post-exposure prophylactic antibiotic treatment with rifampicin or ceftriaxone of close contacts, GP visits, and costs for local public health authorities.
<b>Scenario 4:</b> Productivity losses during hospitalization of the acute phase	Welte et al <sup>2</sup> approach was used for the number of days of productivity loss of the patient or parent due to the IMD acute phase. For patients younger than 15 years of age, 3.32 days of work loss were assigned to one parent. For patients older than 15 years, 18.87 days of work loss were assumed by the patient. <sup>2</sup>
<b>Scenario 5:</b> Informal long-term care	It was assumed that 10% of the IMD patients with severe sequelae needed a lifelong caregiver, with none of the patients' needs institutional care. <sup>12</sup> The costs were estimated using the Dutch Costing manual and we assumed that on average, 9.9 hours of informal care was provided per week. <sup>7,33</sup>
<b>Scenario 6:</b> Informal long-term care	It was assumed that 10% of all IMD patients with a sequelae needed a lifelong caregiver, with none of the patients' needs institutional care. <sup>12</sup> The costs were estimated using the Dutch Costing manual and we assumed that on average, 9.9 hours of informal care was provided per week. <sup>7,33</sup>
<b>Scenario 7:</b> Sequelae probabilities	Probabilities of psychological impairments, i.e., ADHD, anxiety and separation anxiety, were excluded.
<b>Scenario 8:</b> Discounted costs	Costs were not discounted.
<b>Scenario 9:</b> Discounted costs	Costs were discounted with 1.5%.

Abbreviations: GP, general practitioner; ADHD, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder; IMD, invasive meningococcal disease.

**Table S10.** Direct medical cost related to sequelae in the first and following years

recalculated to Dutch setting using purchasing power parity (PPP).

	Scholz et al <sup>12*^</sup>			Beck et al <sup>9*</sup>		
	Mean	Lower bound	Upper bound	Mean	Lower bound	Upper bound
<b>Direct medical costs 1<sup>st</sup> year</b>						
<i>Hearing loss</i>						
Cochlear implant	€47,535	€43,339	€52,423	€57,988	€40,591	€75,384
Moderate bilateral	€2,954	€2,364	€3,546	€1,687	€1,181	€2,193
Moderate unilateral	€2,954	€2,364	€3,546	€ 452	€ 317	€ 588
<i>Neurological disability</i>						
Severe neurological	€2,253	€1,366	€3,219	€4,947	€3,807	€11,077
Mental retardation / low IQ	€1,982	€1,138	€2,893	€8,017	€5,612	€10,422
Speech problems	€1,901	€1,101	€2,731	€5,062	€3,543	€6,581
Motor deficits	€481	€395	€591	€6,279	€3,768	€8,163
<i>Limp amputation</i>	€12,884	€5,888	€22,020	€24,713	€17,299	€32,127
<i>Epilepsies / seizures</i>	€4,484	-	€11,587	€2,590	€1,543	€4,005
<i>Skin scarring</i>	€2,004	€452	€4,600	€2,951	€2,066	€3,836
<i>Renal disease</i>	€10,073	€5,507	€16,329	€2,291	€1,886	€5,325
<i>Blindness / severe visual impairment</i>	€734	€587	€881	€4,767	€3,337	€6,197
<i>Psychological impairments</i>						
ADHD	€1,522	€1,116	€1,116	€1,575	€1,331	€1,868
Depression	€459	-	€2,314	€149	€111	€553
Anxiety	€266	€219	€317	€149	€111	€553
Separation anxiety	€2,461	€2,331	€2,710	€149	€111	€553
<b>Direct medical costs 2<sup>nd</sup> year and following</b>						
<i>Hearing loss</i>						
Cochlear implant	€1,255	€1,006	€1,447	€5,893	€4,125	€7,661
Moderate bilateral	€1,329	€1,063	€1,594	€301	€210	€391
Moderate unilateral	€1,329	€1,063	€1,594	€223	€156	€290
<i>Neurological disability</i>						
Severe neurological	€121	€54	€242	€1,020	€714	€1,326
Mental retardation/ low IQ	€81	€37	€161	€8,017	€5,612	€10,422
Speech problems	€41	€18	€81	-	-	-
Motor deficits	€41	€18	€81	€3,768	€2,637	€6,279
<i>Limp amputation</i>	€2,387	€470	€6,086	€1,633	€1,143	€2,123
<i>Epilepsies/ seizures</i>	€4,484	-	€11,587	€2,590	€1,543	€4,005
<i>Skin scarring</i>	€20	-	€40	-	-	-
<i>Renal disease</i>	€4,211	€42	€12,820	€1,031	€834	€1,943
<i>Blindness/ severe visual impairment</i>	€734	€587	€881	€4,767	€3,337	€6,197
<i>Psychological impairments</i>						
ADHD	€ 1,522	€ 1,116	€1,116	€1,575	€1,331	€1,868
Depression	€ 459	-		€149	€111	€553
Anxiety	€ 266	€ 219	€ 317	€149	€111	€553
Separation anxiety	€ 25	€ 18	€ 36	€149	€111	€553

Abbreviations: ADHD, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder; IQ, intelligence quotient. \*Recalculated using purchasing power parities (PPP) to Dutch setting. ^ based on 1 on 1 consultation.

# RESULTS

Figure S1. Graphical Abstract

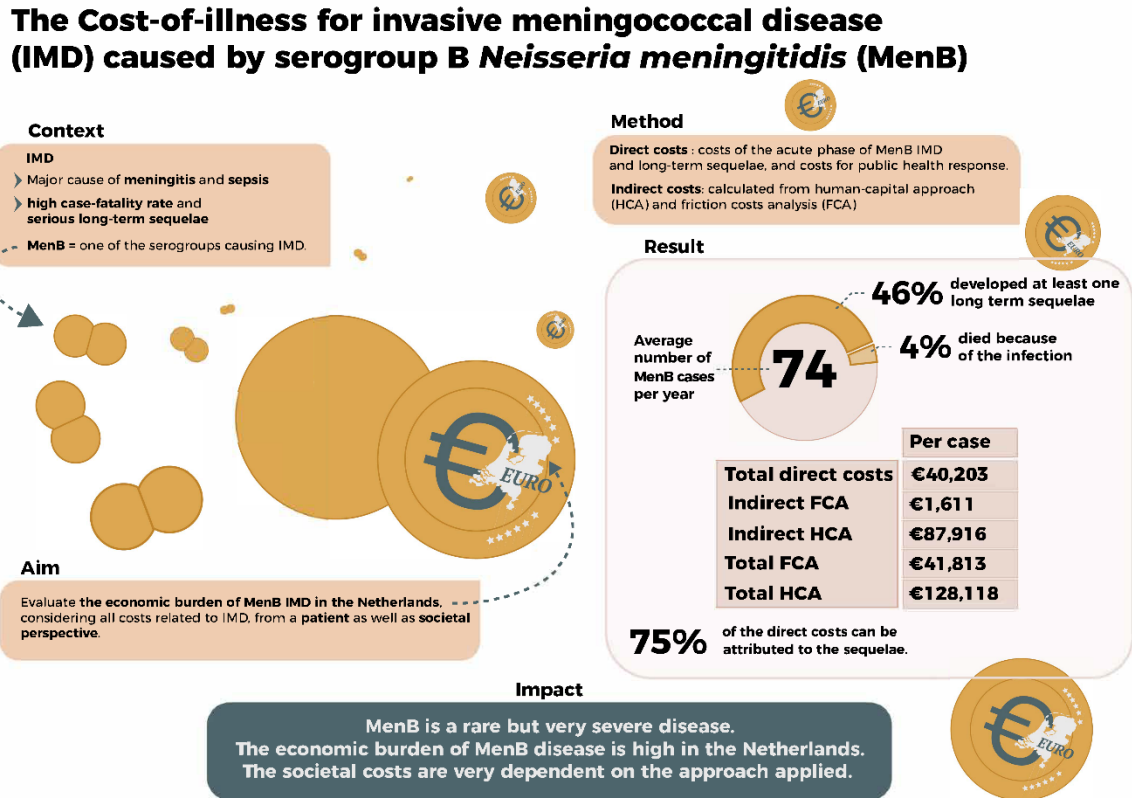
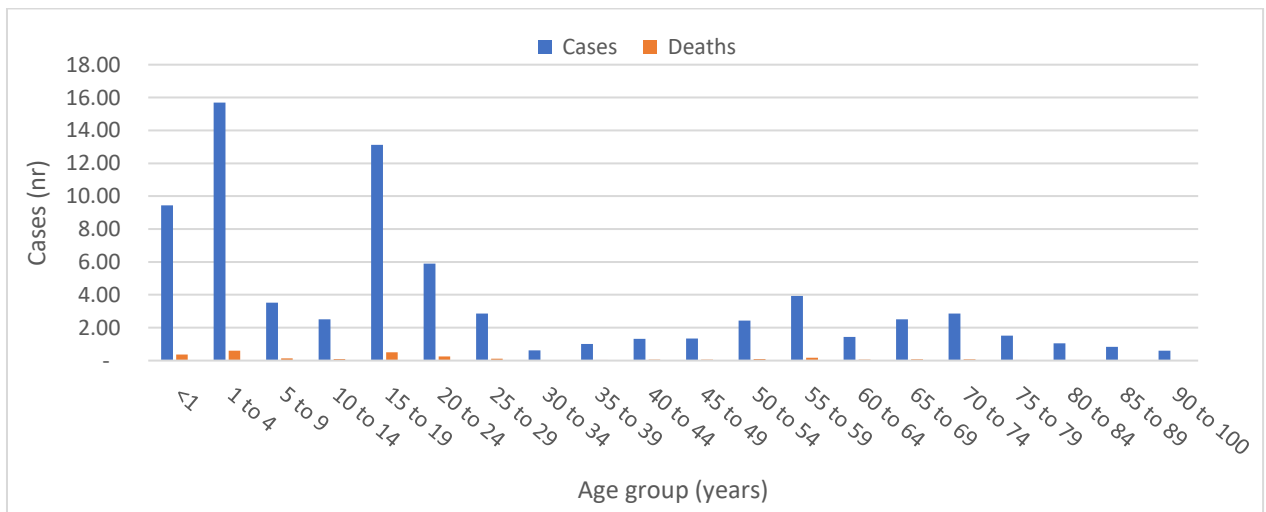
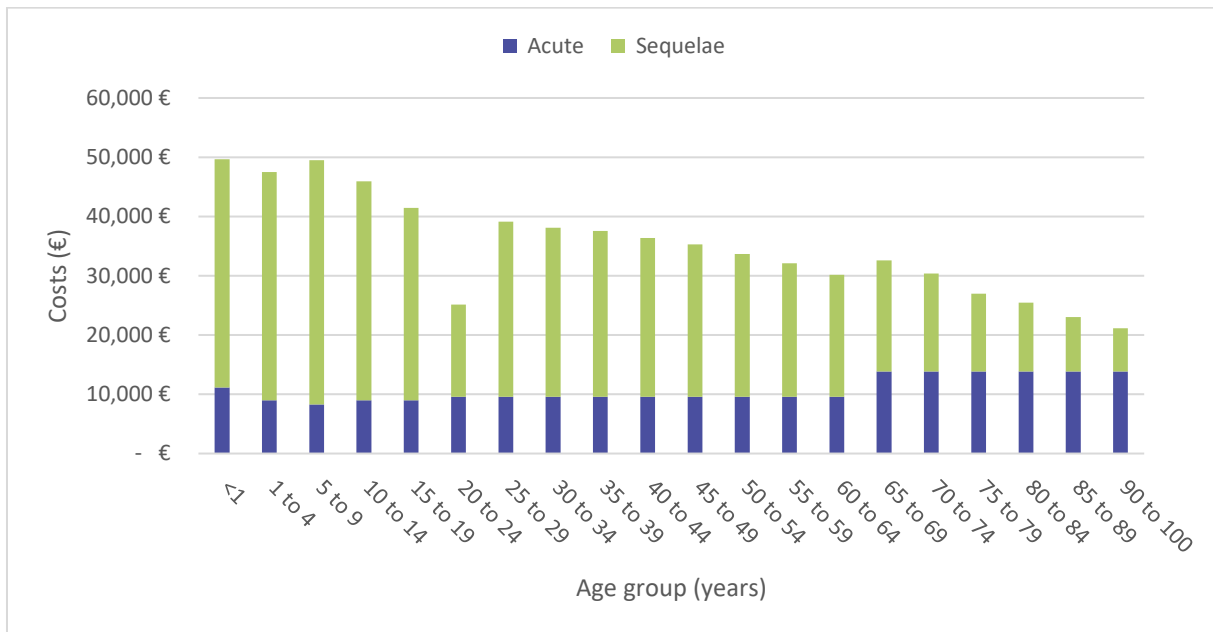


Figure S2. Average number of MenB-related invasive meningococcal disease cases and deaths by age.



Abbreviations: MenB, *Neisseria meningitidis* serogroup B; IMD, invasive meningococcal disease; nr, number.

**Figure S3.** Total direct cost by age group





**Table S11.** Epidemiology and costs (direct and indirect) of the acute phase and sequelae of invasive meningococcal disease per age group

Age group	Epidemiology		IMD acute phase					Combined Sequelae					
	Cases	Deaths	Direct costs	Indirect costs				Cases	Direct costs	Indirect costs			
				Productivity loss						Productivity loss†			
				Acute phase		Pre-mature deaths				Patients		Parents	
HCA	FCA	HCA	FCA	HCA	FCA	HCA	FCA	HCA	FCA				
<1	10	0.4	€107,148	€9,340	€9,340	€119,728	€-	4.42	€369,879	€373,196	€-	€504,810	€7,551
1-4	16	0.6	€141,580	€12,578	€12,578	€212,664	€-	7.27	€609,186	€662,881	€-	€786,723	€12,429
5-9	4	0.1	€29,752	€3,225	€3,225	€58,021	€-	1.66	€148,480	€180,855	€-	€146,999	€3,585
10-14	3	0.1	€23,294	€2,620	€2,620	€53,096	€-	1.20	€96,096	€165,501	€-	€55,910	€2,512
15-19	13	0.5	€114,663	€9,218	€9,218	€305,014	€920	5.89	€415,794	€950,739	€2,868	€46,352	€6,218
20-24	6	0.2	€55,475	€1,676	€1,676	€171,785	€461	2.66	€90,424	€482,450	€1,294	€-	€-
25-29	3	0.1	€26,781	€3,220	€3,220	€90,473	€886	1.28	€82,777	€254,089	€2,489	€-	€-
30-34	1	0.0	€5,739	€690	€690	€18,804	€190	0.27	€17,121	€52,809	€533	€-	€-
35-39	1	0.0	€9,565	€1,456	€1,456	€30,121	€400	0.46	€27,981	€84,595	€1,123	€-	€-
40-44	1	0.1	€13,391	€2,038	€2,038	€37,134	€559	0.64	€37,520	€104,290	€1,569	€-	€-
45-49	1	0.1	€13,391	€2,171	€2,171	€32,219	€596	0.64	€35,998	€90,486	€1,673	€-	€-
50-54	2	0.1	€22,955	€3,722	€3,722	€40,726	€1,024	1.10	€57,846	€114,378	€2,877	€-	€-
55-59	4	0.2	€36,346	€4,623	€4,623	€43,308	€1,270	1.74	€85,584	€121,629	€3,567	€-	€-
60-64	1	0.1	€13,391	€1,703	€1,703	€7,808	€467	0.64	€28,813	€21,929	€1,310	€-	€-
65-69	3	0.1	€36,021	€696	€696	€3,328	€114	1.21	€48,711	€13,720	€469	€-	€-
70-74	3	0.1	€36,021	€696	€696	€1,469	€113	1.21	€42,974	€6,058	€465	€-	€-
75-79	1	0.0	€19,396	€-	€-	€-	€-	0.65	€18,355	€-	€-	€-	€-
80-84	1	0.0	€13,854	€-	€-	€-	€-	0.46	€11,611	€-	€-	€-	€-
85-89	1	0.0	€11,083	€-	€-	€-	€-	0.37	€7,324	€-	€-	€-	€-
90-100	1	0.0	€8,312	€-	€-	€-	€-	0.28	€4,365	€-	€-	€-	€-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>€738,156</b>	<b>€59,671</b>	<b>€57,644</b>	<b>€1,225,699</b>	<b>€6,999</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>€2,236,841</b>	<b>€3,679,604</b>	<b>€20,238</b>	<b>€1,540,794</b>	<b>€32,295</b>

Abbreviations: IMD, invasive meningococcal disease; FCA, friction-cost approach; HCA, human-capital approach.

† Total indirect costs due to productivity loss for patients and parents together were €5,043,056 for HCA and €50,748 for FCA.

**Table S12.** Number of cases and costs (direct and indirect) by sequelae type.

	Number of cases	Direct cost	Indirect costs			
			Patients		Parents	
			HCA	FCA	HCA	FCA
<b><i>Hearing loss</i></b>						
Cochlear implant	1.74	€634,513	€340,463	€1,873	€348,020	€7,373
Moderate bilateral	2.71	€19,939	€306,618	€1,686	€53,979	€1,144
Moderate unilateral	3.71	€15,211	€451,529	€2,483	€74,007	€1,568
<b><i>Neurological disability</i></b>						
Severe neurological	0.73	€200,851	€141,744	€780	€144,890	€3,070
Mental retardation/low IQ	0.36	€153,001	€27,942	€154	€71,024	€1,505
Speech problems	2.53	€10,013	€287,253	€1,580	€50,569	€1,071
Motor deficits	1.09	€302,351	€212,615	€1,169	€217,335	€4,605
<b><i>Limb amputation</i></b>	0.90	€595,745	€175,095	€963	€178,981	€3,792
<b><i>Epilepsies / Seizures</i></b>	1.27	€816	–	–	–	–
<b><i>Skin scarring</i></b>	4.55	€5,713	€305,542	€1,680	€90,769	€1,923
<b><i>Renal disease</i></b>	1.46	€4,298	€19,911	€110	€1,820	€39
<b><i>Blindness</i></b>	0.30	€91,372	€58,365	€321	€59,660	€1,264
<b><i>Psychological impairments</i></b>						
ADHD	6.88	€195,402	€1,097,011	€6,034	€137,219	€2,907
Anxiety	1.60	€6,459	€255,515	€1,405	€31,961	€677
Separation anxiety	4.24	€1,157	–	–	€80,556	€1,357
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>€2,236,841</b>	<b>€3,679,604</b>	<b>€20,238</b>	<b>€1,540,794</b>	<b>€32,295</b>

Abbreviations: ADHD, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder; FCA, friction-cost approach; HCA, human-capital approach; IQ, intelligence quotient.

**Table S13.** Number of cases per sequelae type by age group

Age group	<i>Hearing loss</i>			<i>Neurological disability</i>				<i>Limb amputation</i>	<i>Epilepsies/ seizures</i>	<i>Skin scarring</i>	<i>Renal disease</i>	<i>Blindness/ severe visual impairmen</i>	<i>Psychological impairments</i>		
	Cochlear implant	Moderate bilateral	Moderate unilateral	Severe	Mental retardation/ low IQ	Speech problems	Motor deficits						ADHD	Anxiety	Separation anxiety
<b>&lt;1</b>	0.23	0.35	0.48	0.09	0.05	0.33	0.14	0.12	0.16	0.59	0.19	0.04	0.89	0.21	0.55
<b>1-4</b>	0.37	0.58	0.79	0.16	0.08	0.54	0.23	0.19	0.27	0.97	0.31	0.06	1.47	0.34	0.91
<b>5-9</b>	0.08	0.13	0.18	0.04	0.02	0.12	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.22	0.07	0.01	0.33	0.08	0.21
<b>10-14</b>	0.06	0.10	0.13	0.03	0.01	0.09	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.16	0.05	0.01	0.24	0.06	0.15
<b>15-19</b>	0.30	0.47	0.64	0.13	0.06	0.44	0.19	0.16	0.22	0.79	0.25	0.05	1.19	0.28	0.73
<b>20-24</b>	0.14	0.21	0.29	0.06	0.03	0.20	0.09	0.07	0.10	0.36	0.11	0.02	0.54	0.13	0.33
<b>25-29</b>	0.07	0.10	0.14	0.03	0.01	0.10	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.17	0.05	0.01	0.26	0.06	0.16
<b>30-34</b>	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.06	0.01	0.03
<b>35-39</b>	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.06	0.02	0.00	0.09	0.02	0.06
<b>40-44</b>	0.03	0.05	0.07	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.09	0.03	0.01	0.13	0.03	0.08
<b>45-49</b>	0.03	0.05	0.07	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.09	0.03	0.01	0.13	0.03	0.08
<b>50-54</b>	0.06	0.09	0.12	0.02	0.01	0.08	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.15	0.05	0.01	0.22	0.05	0.14
<b>55-59</b>	0.09	0.14	0.19	0.04	0.02	0.13	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.23	0.07	0.02	0.35	0.08	0.22
<b>60-64</b>	0.03	0.05	0.07	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.09	0.03	0.01	0.13	0.03	0.08
<b>65-69</b>	0.06	0.10	0.13	0.03	0.01	0.09	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.16	0.05	0.01	0.24	0.06	0.15
<b>70-74</b>	0.06	0.10	0.13	0.03	0.01	0.09	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.16	0.05	0.01	0.24	0.06	0.15
<b>75-79</b>	0.03	0.05	0.07	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.09	0.03	0.01	0.13	0.03	0.08
<b>80-84</b>	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.06	0.02	0.00	0.09	0.02	0.06
<b>85-89</b>	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.02	0.00	0.08	0.02	0.05
<b>90-100</b>	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.06	0.01	0.03
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1.74</b>	<b>2.71</b>	<b>3.71</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>2.53</b>	<b>1.09</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>1.27</b>	<b>4.55</b>	<b>1.46</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>6.88</b>	<b>1.60</b>	<b>4.24</b>

Abbreviations: ADHD, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder; IQ, intelligence quotient.

**Table S14.** Direct cost per sequelae type and age group

Age group	Hearing loss			Neurological disability				Limb amputation	Epilepsies/ seizures	Skin scarring	Renal disease	Blindness/ severe visual impairment	Psychological impairments		
	Cochlear implant	Moderate bilateral	Moderate unilateral	Severe	Mental retardation/ low IQ	Speech problems	Motor deficits						ADHD	Anxiety	Separation anxiety
<1	€96,190	€2,933	€2,285	€29,260	€23,242	€1,350	€46,520	€89,378	€110	€770	€665	€14,044	€62,309	€392	€432
1-4	€158,750	€4,823	€3,755	€50,435	€38,711	€2,222	€78,776	€148,812	€181	€1,268	€1,094	€23,192	€95,897	€645	€626
5-9	€37,112	€1,093	€850	€15,523	€9,626	€506	€21,924	€37,043	€41	€289	€247	€5,448	€18,541	€146	€91
10-14	€26,039	€782	€607	€9,639	€6,565	€366	€14,530	€25,519	€30	€209	€176	€3,807	€7,717	€104	€8
15-19	€124,746	€3,816	€2,956	€40,225	€30,452	€1,800	€62,034	€117,798	€147	€1,027	€854	€18,163	€10,938	€837	€0
20-24	€28,662	€885	€684	€8,677	€6,894	€420	€12,284	€26,617	€34	€240	€197	€4,164	€0	€667	€0
25-29	€26,256	€815	€628	€7,931	€6,302	€392	€11,225	€24,376	€32	€224	€180	€3,806	€0	€610	€0
30-34	€5,437	€170	€131	€1,636	€1,300	€84	€2,314	€5,046	€7	€48	€37	€785	€0	€126	€0
35-39	€8,893	€280	€214	€2,669	€2,122	€140	€3,775	€8,250	€11	€80	€61	€1,281	€0	€206	€0
40-44	€11,943	€381	€289	€3,566	€2,836	€196	€5,040	€11,074	€16	€112	€81	€1,710	€0	€275	€0
45-49	€11,477	€371	€279	€3,409	€2,711	€196	€4,815	€10,635	€16	€112	€77	€1,635	€0	€263	€0
50-54	€18,492	€610	€454	€5,445	€4,333	€336	€7,683	€17,119	€27	€192	€123	€2,610	€0	€422	€0
55-59	€27,441	€925	€680	€8,002	€6,370	€532	€11,276	€25,374	€43	€304	€181	€3,834	€0	€622	€0
60-64	€9,278	€322	€233	€2,668	€2,125	€196	€3,752	€8,566	€16	€112	€60	€1,277	€0	€208	€0
65-69	€15,772	€569	€403	€4,451	€3,550	€369	€6,246	€14,531	€30	€211	€100	€2,129	€0	€349	€0
70-74	€14,016	€531	€366	€3,859	€3,082	€369	€5,397	€12,879	€30	€211	€87	€1,844	€0	€305	€0
75-79	€6,082	€253	€166	€1,584	€1,269	€199	€2,198	€5,556	€16	€113	€35	€755	€0	€127	€0
80-84	€3,885	€171	€109	€976	€784	€142	€1,348	€3,537	€12	€81	€22	€465	€0	€80	€0
85-89	€2,507	€123	€74	€578	€467	€114	€788	€2,264	€9	€65	€13	€274	€0	€49	€0
90-100	€1,535	€85	€49	€317	€258	€85	€424	€1,373	€7	€49	€7	€149	€0	€28	€0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€634,513</b>	<b>€19,939</b>	<b>€15,211</b>	<b>€200,851</b>	<b>€153,001</b>	<b>€10,013</b>	<b>€302,351</b>	<b>€595,745</b>	<b>€816</b>	<b>€5,713</b>	<b>€4,298</b>	<b>€91,372</b>	<b>€195,402</b>	<b>€6,459</b>	<b>€1,157</b>

Abbreviations: ADHD, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder; IQ, intelligence quotient.

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