**Supplementary Table 2.**

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| **Emergency department cost key** | **Triage Category** | **Cost Weight** |
| **Admission triage code** | 1 | 2.96 |
| 2 | 1.78 |
| 3 | 1.53 |
| 4 | 1.33 |
| 5 | 0.91 |
| **Non-admission triage code** | 1 | 1.62 |
| 2 | 1.24 |
| 3 | 1.08 |
| 4 | 0.81 |
| 5 | 0.5 |
| **Did not wait** |  | 0.18 |
| **Average cost** |  | $396 |
| **Adjusted by cost price index to 2014** |  | **$479.81** |