

# Cost weights - Victorian Ambulatory Classification and Funding System (VACS) 2008-09

VACS Code	Description	Weight
101	General medicine	1.675
102	Allergy	1.393
103	Cardiology	1.396
104	Diabetes	1.208
105	Endocrinology	1.273
106	Gastroenterology	1.229
107	Haematology	2.019
108	Nephrology	1.453
109	Neurology	1.563
110	Oncology	1.632
111	Respiratory	1.672
112	Rheumatology	1.314
113	Dermatology	1.076
114	Infectious diseases	1.668
115	Developmental neurological disability	1.559
201	General surgery	1.155
202	Cardiothoracic	1.726
203	Neurosurgery	1.653
204	Ophthalmology	0.785
205	Ear, nose and throat	0.834
206	Plastic surgery	0.769
207	Urology	1.010
208	Vascular	1.164
209	Pre-admission	1.370
301	Dental	1.233
310	Orthopaedics	1.256
311	Orthopaedic applications	0.624
350	Psychiatry and behavioural disorders	1.942
401	Family planning	1.061
402	Obstetrics	0.727
403	Gynaecology	0.773
404	Reproductive medicine	0.825
405	Dysplasia and colposcopy	0.836
501	Paediatric surgical	1.012
502	Paediatric medical	1.337
550	Emergency medicine	n / a
601	Audiology	n / a
602	Nutrition	n / a
603	Optometry	n / a
604	Occupational therapy	n / a
605	Physiotherapy	n / a
606	Podiatry	n / a
607	Speech pathology	n / a
608	Social work	n / a
609	Other allied health services	n / a
610	Cardiac rehabilitation	n / a
611	Hydrotherapy	n / a

## Notes:

1. 2008-09 cost weights have been set using 2006-07 VACS cost data, except for VACS 102, 115, 311 and 501 which have been set using a 3 year rolling average.
2. Weights are not detailed for VACS 550 - 611 as these categories are funded as fixed grants.