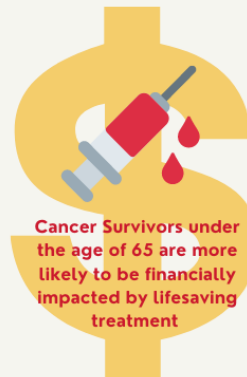


Financial Toxicity of Cancer Treatment & Survivorship

Age: <65 years old



Cancer Survivors under the age of 65 are more likely to be financially impacted by lifesaving treatment



Cancer treatment requires frequent days away from work due to therapy that can include 4-hour chemo infusions & treatment related side-effects that decrease the patient's work hours & overall productivity



Patients <65 years old are more likely to be unable to work due to their therapy and overall poor health & report difficulty returning to their job



Lack Savings and Assets

Younger cancer patients may be vulnerable to financial distress because of a lack of savings and assets that are accumulated during working-age.



Other Financial Obligations

They have other financial responsibilities such as childcare, mortgage and high household expenses associated with raising a family



Lack Insurance or Carry High Deductible Plan

Young survivors lack the protection of Medicare. Decreased work hours reduces employment based insurance options, placing some without insurance or with high-deductible plans

The sharp and steady rise in cancer treatment costs has meant that patients need protection from financial toxicity. Financial toxicity can negatively impact the patient's life outside of the clinic and interfere with the planned treatment strategy and overall recovery. As with any heavy financial burden, high medical expenses related to life-saving treatment carry the same destructive force and pressures and negatively impact the patient's life, future, and ultimate outcome.

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