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Community Oncology

Navigating Financial Assistance

What is Financial Toxicity?



FINANCIAL TOXICITY

THE COSTS OF CANCER



While being diagnosed with cancer alone can put a person under tremendous amounts of mental and emotional stress, the additional burden of the outrageously expensive medical care only adds to the strain. The dramatic rise in the cost of cancer treatments has now given rise to what is being called Financial Toxicity.

Who does this impact?

Main “Stress” Points

- ▶ Patients struggle to understand plan benefits
- ▶ Shifting financial responsibility
- ▶ High deductible with larger coinsurance
- ▶ Increased complexity of authorization
- ▶ Increased number of authorization requirements



How can we prevent “Financial Toxicity”?

- ▶ Verify Benefits
- ▶ Complete cost analysis
- ▶ Check LCD / Coverage Criteria
- ▶ Enroll in Manufacturer programs
- ▶ Communicate with patient their responsibility

Communicate Communicate Communicate



Common Fears/Challenges

- ▶ Pride -
 - ▶ Has never needed help before.
- ▶ Patient fears -
 - ▶ What will this do financially to my family?
- ▶ Unsure of what resources are available.



What resources are available?

Assistance with cost of treatment

Commercial Insurance:

- ▶ Manufacture copay card
- ▶ Patient assistance grants

Medicare / Government Insurance:

- ▶ Patient Assistance Grants





Patient Access Network
foundation



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- ▶ Cancer Care - Financial edition
- ▶ CCCB Foundation
- ▶ Florida Cancer Specialist Foundation



See your goal

Understand the obstacles

Create a positive mental picture

Clear your mind of self doubt

Embrace the challenge

Stay on track

Show the world you can do it



together
we fight
cancer

