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

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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.



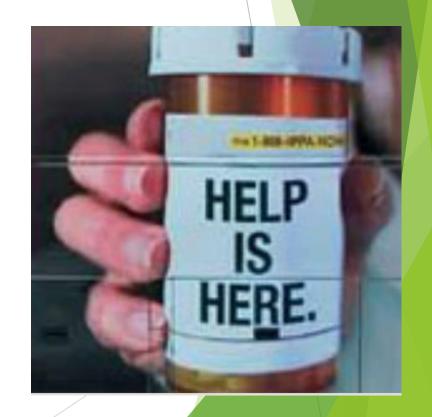
What resources are available? Assistance with cost of treatment

Commercial Insurance:

- Manufacture copay card
- ► Patient assistance grants

Medicare / Government Insurance:

► Patient Assistance Grants











Cancer Care - Helping Hand resource



And many many more.....

Help with daily living expenses

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



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