

Half of cancer survivors face cancer-related financial hardship

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Half of cancer survivors experience cancer-related financial hardship, according to a research letter [published](#) online Aug. 20 in *JAMA Network Open*.

Apoorv Dhir, M.D., from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and colleagues estimated the prevalence of [financial hardship](#) among cancer survivors across cancer types. The analysis included responses from 1,212 participants in the 2021 Health Information National Trends Survey- Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results.

The researchers found that when asked about experience of financial hardship, 56.4% responded not at all, 22.1% a little, 15.0% some, and 6.5% a lot. There was variation by cancer type. Higher odds of increased financial hardship were seen with younger age (50 to 59 years: adjusted odds ratio [aOR], 3.66), lower income (\$35,000 to \$74,999: aOR, 3.55), advanced cancer stage (nonlocal: aOR, 1.92), and federal health insurance (Medicare: aOR, 1.43). Each 0.01 increase in the Social Vulnerability Index conferred a lower probability of reporting no financial hardship and a higher probability of reporting a little, some, or a lot of financial hardship.

"Acknowledging the role of community and structural barriers and identifying socially vulnerable populations for targeted interventions represent a potential strategy toward mitigating financial hardship and delivering equitable [cancer](#) care," the authors write.

More information: Apoorv Dhir et al, Individual- and Community-Level Risk Factors of Cancer-Related Financial Hardship Among Cancer Survivors, *JAMA Network Open* (2024). [DOI: 10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2024.29286](#)

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