

Financial Toxicity & Cancer Care

The “Cost” of a Cancer Diagnosis

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OBJECTIVES

- Understand the term financial toxicity
- Understand how cancer patients are impacted by financial cost of cancer treatment
- Understand how to address this issue with patients
- Understand resources to assist patients

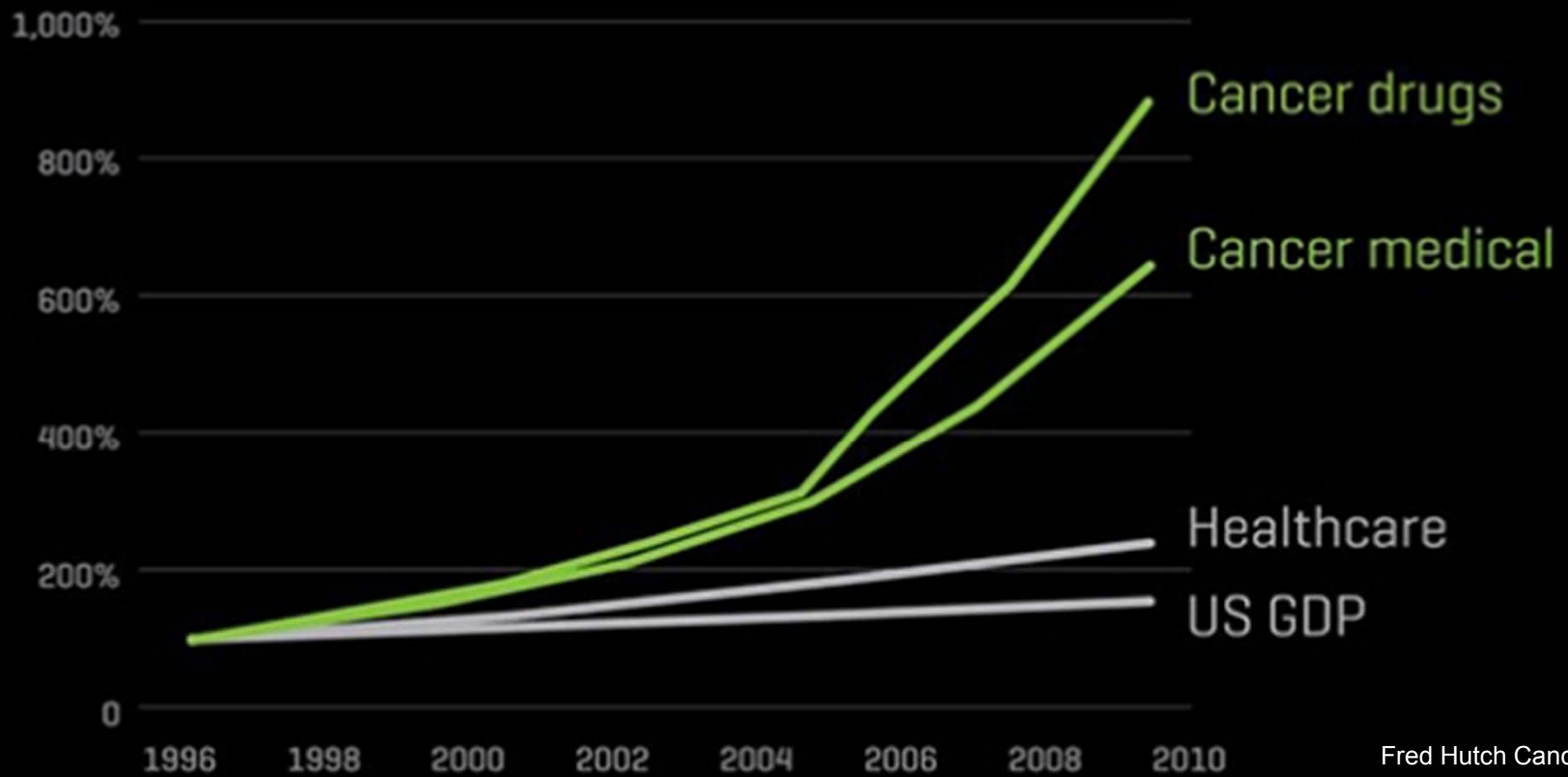


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Rising cancer care costs

Cumulative percent increase





Out of Pocket Expenses

50% of Medicare beneficiaries with cancer pay at least **10%** of their income towards cancer treatment-related out-of-pocket costs

Savings

30% of
patients
surveyed said
they depleted
their savings



Bankruptcy

2.5 Times
more likely to
file bankruptcy

Correlation
between
bankruptcy and
mortality



Association of Oncology Nurses Position Statement:

“The provision of accessible and affordable healthcare coverage includes consumer and patient engagement in decision making regarding availability, cost, and efficacy of treatment options and supportive care.”



NURSES



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DOXOrubicin HCl

INJECTION, USP

200 mg (2 mg/mL)

FOR IV USE ONLY

STERILE, ISOTONIC SOLUTION

100 mL
Multiple Dose Vial

Rx only

Preservative Free
Discard unused portion.

Each mL contains: Doxorubicin hydrochloride 2 mg; sodium chloride 9 mg for isotonicity; Water for injection q.s. Hydrochloric acid and/or sodium hydroxide may have been added for pH adjustment.

Usual Dosage: Before administering, read insert for complete prescribing and product information and **WARNING: Severe allergic reactions have been reported with the use of Doxorubicin HCl.**

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DOXOrubicin HCl

INJECTION, USP

50 mg (2 mg/mL)

FOR IV USE ONLY

STERILE, ISOTONIC SOLUTION

25 mL
Single Dose Vial

Rx only

Preservative Free
Discard unused portion.

Each mL contains: Doxorubicin hydrochloride 2 mg; sodium chloride 9 mg for isotonicity; Water for injection q.s. Hydrochloric acid and/or sodium hydroxide may have been added for pH adjustment.

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DOXOrubicin HCl

INJECTION, USP

20 mg (2 mg/mL)

FOR IV USE ONLY

STERILE, ISOTONIC SOLUTION

10 mL
Single Dose Vial

Rx only

Preservative Free
Discard unused portion.

Each mL contains: Doxorubicin hydrochloride 2 mg; sodium chloride 9 mg for isotonicity; Water for injection q.s. Hydrochloric acid and/or sodium hydroxide may have been added for pH adjustment.

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DOXOrubicin HCl

INJECTION, USP

10 mg (2 mg/mL)

FOR IV USE ONLY

STERILE, ISOTONIC SOLUTION

5 mL
Single Dose Vial

Rx only

Preservative Free
Discard unused portion.

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Because of financial hardship...

20% took less than the prescribed amount of medication

24% avoided filling prescriptions





Discomfort of financial conversations

73% of patients
reported not
discussing the cost
of treatment with
their care team



General Financial Resources

- Patient assistance programs at your institution
- Accessing Oncology SW, Financial Counselors
- CancerCare (www.cancercare.org)
- American Cancer Society (<https://www.cancer.org/>)
- Patient Access Network Foundation (www.panfoundation.org)

Medication Specific Resources

- Good RX
- Better Health Pharmacy
- HICAP (MediCare Part D & Supplement Counseling)
- Specialty Pharmacies: ACS, Diplomat
- Prescription Drug Manufacturers Patient Assistance Programs
- Association of Community Cancer Centers: Patient Assistance & Reimbursement Guide



Ask a Question