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Patients with cancer often bear higher cost burdens compared to patients with other chronic conditions. An AHRQ study showed that a higher proportion of nonelderly patients with cancer face a high burden of treatment costs (13.4 percent) compared to those with other chronic conditions (9.7 percent) and those without chronic conditions (4.4 percent). High out-of-pocket healthcare costs can deter patients with cancer from seeking care and may affect treatment costs, notes study author Didem S.M. Bernard, PhD.

Source: Bernard DSM, Farr SL, Fang Z. National estimates of out-of-pocket health care expenditure burdens among nonelderly adults with cancer: 2001 to 2008. *J Clin Oncol*. 2011;Jul 10;29(20):2821-6. Epub 2011 May 31.

