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More on the Cost of Anti-Cancer Drugs

The National Health Interview Survey from 2011 to 2014 revealed that:

- **31.6%** of adults recently diagnosed with cancer and **27.9%** previously diagnosed with cancer in the last 2 years changed their prescription drug use due to financial reasons.

- **1/3** of non-elderly cancer survivors with high-deductible health insurance plans requested lower-cost medications from their doctors.

Source: Zheng Z, et al. Do cancer survivors change their prescription drug use for financial reasons? Findings from a nationally representative sample in the United States. *Cancer*. doi: 10.1002/cncr.30560.



Stressed Out?

A recent study finds that oncologists are suffering from burnout and stress:

- **42% to 69%** reported feeling stressed at work.
- Nearly a third (**32%**) reported high burnout or emotional exhaustion.
- Many suffer from sleep deprivation, up to **30%** drink alcohol in a problematic way.
- More than a quarter (**27%**) have some kind of psychiatric morbidity.
- Up to **20%** of junior oncologists use hypnotic drugs.
- More than **12%** of screened positive for depression.

Source: Medisaukaite A, Kamau C. Prevalence of oncologists in distress: systematic review and meta-analysis. *Psycho-Oncol*. 2017. doi.org/10.1002/pon.4382.



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Survey Says...

- Supply chain tasks impact clinicians. Physicians and nurses spend, on average, nearly **20%** of their workweek on supply chain and inventory management. If they could reallocate this time, more than half said that they would spend this time with patients, while others would focus on research and education or training new staff.
- Nearly **1/3** of respondents haven't implemented a new inventory management system in at least **6** years.
- **78%** are manually counting inventory in some parts of their supply chain; only **17%** have an automated technology system to track products and inventory in real time.

Source: The Cardinal Health Hospital Supply Chain Survey. cardinalhealth.com/en/essential-insights/the-biggest-untapped-resource-at-your-hospital-your-supply-chain.html.

Healthcare Attitudes—A Generational Comparison

Doctor-Patient Style

Boomers: Healthy skeptics

Gen X: Medical misanthropes

Millenials: Healthcare idealists

Communication Style

Boomers: Open and honest; agreeable when doc takes a team approach

Gen X: Guarded in conversation; may not be as open as necessary

Millenials: Open, but may overshare opinion; may challenge a doctor's diagnosis

How They Find a Doctor

Boomers: Ask a friend or family member for a recommendation

Gen X: Combination approach between asking people they know first and confirming online

Millenials: Look at online reviews and awards

Doctor-Patient Relationship

Boomers: **83%** have a PCP and want doctors to decide treatment options with them

Gen X: **64%** have a PCP and **1 in 4** has lost trust in a doctor or medical facility (last 2 years)

Millenials: **35%** have a PCP and choose alternate care facilities, like urgent care, in large numbers

Source: <http://www.vitals.com/about/posts/press-center/press-releases/vitals-index-study-reveals-stark-generational-differences-comes-attitudes-health-care>.

Reduction in Radiation Therapy Leads to Decline of Second Cancers in Childhood Cancer Survivors

Childhood cancer survivors are living longer. New research shows they are also less likely to develop second cancers while still young. The decline followed a sharp drop in the use of radiation therapy for treatment of childhood cancers. Between the 1970s and the 1990s, the percentage of pediatric cancer patients treated with radiation fell from **77%** to **33%**. The average radiation dose also dropped. Their chance of having second cancers within 15 years of the first cancer fell as well.

Source: Turcotte LM, et al. Temporal trends in treatment and subsequent neoplasm risk Among 5-year survivors of childhood cancer, 1970-2015. *JAMA*. 2017;317(8):814-824.

