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EHRs (Expensive. Hideous? Required!)

A snapshot of a panel discussion at the ACCC 34th National Oncology Conference on “Strategies for Optimizing Your EHR.” acc-cancer.org/ACCCbuzz/ehrs-expensive-hideous-required. Then read “Optimizing Your EHR: Real-World Experiences with Electronic Health Records” for practical peer-to-peer tips for getting the most from EHRs to improve patient care, plus strategies to overcome common hurdles and challenges. acc.informz.net/ACCC/pages/EHR.



Immunotherapy Updates On-Demand

Browse our Immuno-Oncology webinar playlist. Just-added titles in this library of on-demand webinars include Post-2017 ASCO Immuno-Oncology Highlights, Therapeutic Approaches to Metastatic Melanoma, and Managing Immune-Related Adverse Events: Learning from Case Studies. Explore the options at acc-iclio.org/resources/webinar-archive.



ACCC 2018 Annual Meeting & Cancer Center Business Summit

A must-attend meeting! General sessions on Federal Health Policy Affecting Oncology; Trends That Will Change the Practice of Oncology; The Convergence of the Big Data Explosion, Workforce Shortages, Clinical Advancements, and Payment Reform; Integrated Cancer Care Teams: Opportunities & Challenges; and Technology’s Role in the Redesign of Oncology. Breakout sessions offered in four concurrent tracks: BUSINESS, QUALITY, TECHNOLOGY, and POLICY. Read the full agenda at acc.cancer.org/annualmeeting.



Gap Assessment Tool

With its “Let’s Be Clear: Communicating to Improve the Cancer Patient Experience” education initiative, ACCC seeks to help cancer programs across the country improve survivorship programming through the application of the health literacy principles. Take our gap assessment today to identify education needs and pinpoint areas where targeted health literacy efforts could improve patient care. acc-cancer.org/health-literacy.



Tap Into the Value of ACCC Membership!

ACCC has the information and support you need to thrive in a complex and ever-changing healthcare delivery system. If you’re not an ACCC member, you can join today as an Individual Member and receive “how-to” resources that translate cutting-edge information into real-world practice, professional development opportunities, abundant networking, and expert analysis of critical legislative initiatives. Or encourage your program to consider Cancer Program Membership, which benefits everyone on your team. Visit acc-cancer.org/membership to see how ACCC resources can support you and your entire multi-disciplinary program.

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Cancer Patients & Financial Toxicity

- **1/3** of insured people with cancer end up paying more out-of-pocket than they expected.
- Costs, such as copays and deductibles, can lead to financial distress among insured patients of all income levels and with all stages of cancer.
- Having higher-than-expected out-of-pocket costs was associated with high levels of financial stress and a decreased willingness to pay for cancer care.

Source: Chino F, et al. Out-of-pocket costs, financial distress, and underinsurance in cancer care. *JAMA Oncol*. Published online August 10, 2017. doi:10.1001/jamaoncol.2017.2148.



Cancer & Obesity

- **55%** of all cancers diagnosed in women and **24%** of those diagnosed in men are associated with overweight and obesity.
- Non-Hispanic blacks and non-Hispanic whites had higher incidence rates compared with other racial and ethnic groups. Black males and American Indian/Alaska Native males had higher incidence rates than white males.
- Cancers associated with overweight and obesity, excluding colorectal cancer, increased **7%** between 2005-2014. Colorectal cancer decreased **23%**, due in large part to screening. Cancers not associated with overweight and obesity decreased **13%**.
- Cancers associated with overweight and obesity, excluding colorectal cancer, increased among adults younger than age 75.

Source: CDC. Vital Signs: Cancer and Obesity. cdc.gov/vitalsigns/obesity-cancer/index.html.



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Study finds that patients who choose to receive alternative therapy as treatment for curable cancers instead of conventional cancer treatment have a higher risk of death.

Source: Johnson SB, et al. Use of alternative medicine for cancer and its impact on survival. *J Natl Cancer Inst.* 2018;110(1). doi.org/10.1093/jnci/djx145.



Cost of malnutrition study shows nutrition program could save hospitals up to \$3,800 per patient.

Source: Sulo S, et al. Budget impact of a comprehensive nutrition-focused quality improvement program for malnourished hospitalized patients. *Am Health Drug Benefits.* 2017;10(5):262-270.

Top 3 Factors Challenging Nurse Practitioners

- Shortened appointment times
- Low health literacy of patients
- Increased dependency on paperwork and/or digital records

Source: Merck Manuals Survey. merckmanuals.com.



Annual Workforce Survey of Cancer Patients & Survivors

- **65%** of employed and unemployed respondents agreed that working through treatment helps or had helped them cope with cancer.
- Many employed and unemployed respondents believe that work has a positive impact on their lives by providing benefits like feeling “normal” (**63%**) and productive (**56%**), while providing them with a routine (**54%**) and keeping their mind off their cancer (**45%**).
- **89%** of employed and unemployed respondents know that prospective employers cannot discriminate against them due to their cancer diagnosis, but more than one in five (**22%**) believe an employer can require them to disclose their diagnosis before hiring them.
- **39%** of unemployed respondents feel that a prospective employer would treat them differently if they disclosed their cancer diagnosis, and **36%** believe disclosing would negatively affect their chances of getting hired.
- **42%** of employed patients and survivors feel they need to stay at their current workplace because they need health insurance.
- **35%** of employed patients and survivors are afraid to change their work status because it will limit their health insurance options.

Source: Cancer and Careers. cancerandcareers.org. prnewswire.com/news-releases/more-than-half-of-cancer-patients-and-survivors-are-concerned-about-changes-to-their-healthcare-access-300473461.html.

