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### **Institute for the Future of Oncology**

On June 27, 2018, ACCC convened its 6th Institute for the Future of Oncology where a group of experts and key stakeholders met in Washington, DC, to discuss ACCC President Tom Gallo's theme "Reflect, Renew, Reignite: Creating a Resilient Oncology Team in Your Community." The meeting kicked off a year-long effort to develop tools and resources for the multidisciplinary cancer team around team wellness and resiliency. Read more about the 2018 Institute for the Future of Oncology at: [accc-cancer.org/TeamWellBeing](http://accc-cancer.org/TeamWellBeing). Then explore these issues in-depth at the 2018 ACCC National Oncology Conference in sessions like "Creating a Resilient, Results-Driven Oncology Team," "Culture as a Strategic Imperative," and "From Ideas to Innovation." Register today at: [accc-cancer.org/oncologyconference](http://accc-cancer.org/oncologyconference).



### **Immuno-Oncology—Breaking Barriers, Exploring Solutions, Improving Patient Care**

The ACCC Immuno-Oncology Institute Visiting Experts Program has delivered customized workshops to cancer programs around the U.S. on effective practices for immuno-oncology delivery and patient care coordination. Participate in a virtual format. The interactive discussion with our expert multidisciplinary presenters highlights barriers to optimal immuno-oncology care in diverse practice settings, evidence-based strategies for recognizing and managing immune-related adverse events, and operational and financial challenges. [accc-cancer.org/io-breaking-barriers](http://accc-cancer.org/io-breaking-barriers).



### **Meet Two 2018 ACCC Innovator Award Winners**

Through its partnership with the Translational Genomics Research Institute, Ochsner Cancer Institute has brought cutting-edge treatments and clinical trials to cancer patients across the Gulf South region: [accc-cancer.org/OchsnerInnovator](http://accc-cancer.org/OchsnerInnovator). To engage its community and improve screening compliance, Tri-Cities Cancer Center developed a public awareness campaign on the leading causes of cancer death and launched successful workplace wellness programs across the region: [accc-cancer.org/TriCitiesInnovator](http://accc-cancer.org/TriCitiesInnovator).



### **Webinar: ACCC Financial Advocacy Services Guidelines Town Hall**

The ACCC Financial Advocacy Services Guidelines address the critical need for early intervention by financial advocates. Hear from three ACCC Financial Advocacy Network Advisory Committee members on why the guidelines were developed and how to implement them to benefit your patients, your program, and your financial advocates. Also hear the answers to some of the most frequently asked questions facing financial advocacy programs today. [accc-cancer.org/financial-advocacy-guidelines](http://accc-cancer.org/financial-advocacy-guidelines).

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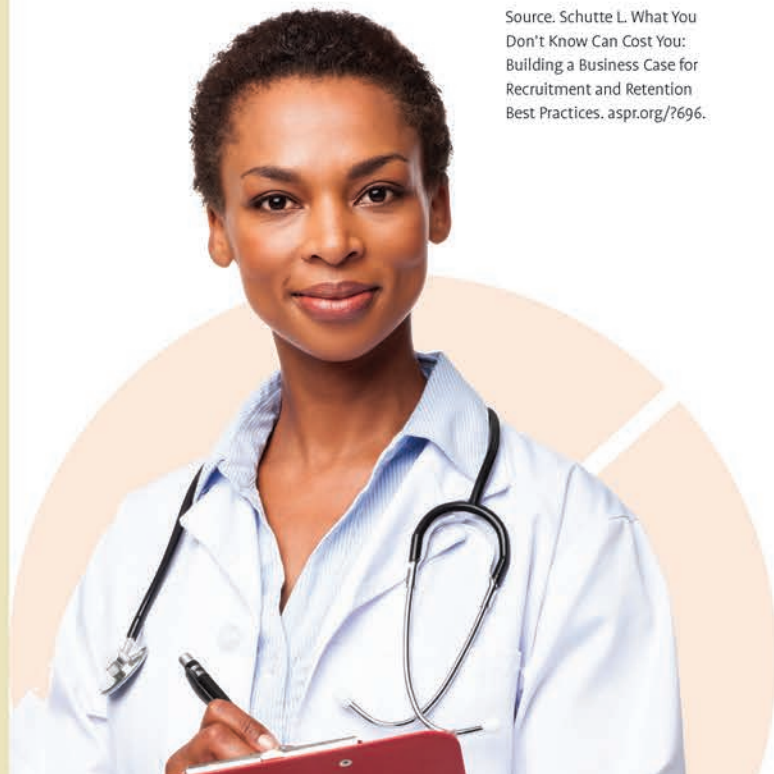
## **VA healthcare system successfully reduces "rush to treatment" rates for low-risk prostate cancer, study shows.**

Source: Loeb S, et al. Use of conservative management for low-risk prostate cancer in the Veterans Affairs Integrated Health Care System From 2005-2015. JAMA. Published online May 15, 2018. doi:10.1001/jama.2018.5616.

## **Physician Recruitment Tips**

- Ensure the practice is "ready to recruit."
- Remove barriers to recruitment.
- Screen for fit prior to on-site interview.
- Engage spouse and/or partner early in process.
- Prepare the team to deliver a red-carpet experience.
- Debrief the candidate and interview team immediately.
- Deliver an offer within 48 hours.

Source: Schutte L. What You Don't Know Can Cost You: Building a Business Case for Recruitment and Retention Best Practices. [aspr.org/?696](http://aspr.org/?696).



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## Patients Surveyed on Healthcare Costs, Coverage & Policy

- **3/4** of Americans say that our country doesn't get good value for what we spend on healthcare.
- **40%** say they skipped a recommended medical test or treatment in the last 12 months due to cost; **32%** were unable to fill a prescription or took less of it because of its cost.
- **4 in 10** say they fear the costs associated with a serious illness—more than the number who say they fear the illness itself.
- **More than half** of Americans say they received a medical bill they thought was covered by insurance or where the amount they owed was higher than expected; more than **1/4** say they had a medical bill turned over to a collection agency in the past 12 months.
- **About half** of Americans disapprove of the way their representative in Congress is handling the cost of healthcare.



Source: West Health Institute and NORC at the University of Chicago. [norc.org/PDFs/WHI%20Healthcare%20Costs%20Coverage%20and%20Policy/WHI%20Healthcare%20Costs%20Coverage%20and%20Policy%20Issue%20Brief.pdf](https://www.norc.umd.edu/PDFs/WHI%20Healthcare%20Costs%20Coverage%20and%20Policy/WHI%20Healthcare%20Costs%20Coverage%20and%20Policy%20Issue%20Brief.pdf).

## 10 Characteristics of High-Performing Healthcare Organizations

- Continuously learning, well-informed, and insightful
- “Change-forward” with bold, inspiring vision
- Agile and adaptable
- Actionable information-oriented
- Financially disciplined
- Respectful and optimized staffing
- Accountable and execution-focused
- Patient-centric and operationally proficient
- Creative collaborators
- Realizing the value of system integration

Source: Greene D and Green R. 10 Characteristics of High-Performing Healthcare Organizations. GE Healthcare Partners. [gehealthcarecamdengroup.com](http://gehealthcarecamdengroup.com).

## Oncologists See Opportunities & Challenges with Emergence of Precision Medicine

- More than **1/3** of survey respondents say precision medicine will have a significant impact on oncology care within **2 to 3** years, while **57%** say they believe it will have moderate impact.
- Oncologists see several barriers to adoption, including the cost of drugs (**51%**), cost of genomic testing (**25%**), and lack of decision support tools (**14%**). Also, **76%** say more financial aid and reimbursement support is needed for patients.
- About **2/3** of participating oncologists said they use genomic testing to identify the best treatment options for cancer patients, with another **25%** saying they are likely to begin using it in the year ahead.
- Availability of genomic testing and turnaround times for results vary greatly. **58%** report that testing is not available at their local institution, and **36%** say they wait 15 days or longer for results.
- Nearly **6 in 10** participating oncologists cited challenges in interpreting results of genomic tests.



Source: Cardinal Health Specialty Solutions. [cardinalhealth.com/en/cmp/ext/ma/oncology-insights.html?cid=VURL&3ATRD&3APHR&3ASS-HA&3AOncoInsights&3A060117](https://www.cardinalhealth.com/en/cmp/ext/ma/oncology-insights.html?cid=VURL&3ATRD&3APHR&3ASS-HA&3AOncoInsights&3A060117).