



ICYMI! The Impact of Big Data and Artificial Intelligence on Oncology

A panel of subject matter experts engage in an informal discussion on a wide range of topics, including innovations like the digital human and Chat GPT; multi-cancer early detection and how AI is helping expand this technology; deep learning models for EHR data; and machine learning and how it is impacting the various stages of drug development, particularly in precision medicine. Watch today at acc-cancer.org/techtalks.



How to Make the Pharmacy Your Prior Authorization Ally

Learn how your pharmacy team can help support obtaining prior authorizations, navigating biosimilar changes, and addressing medical necessity. Learn more at acc-cancer.org/prior-authorization-ally.



Combatting Healthcare Workforce Issues with Proven Leadership Skills

Lean in on leadership actions that are validated to support organizational success, including clear, frequent communication; employee development; and support of employees' well-being. Read more at acc-cancer.org/proven-leadership-skills.



PODCAST

Milestone Episode of CANCER BUZZ

To celebrate its 100th episode, CANCER BUZZ talks to ACCC Board Member and Treasurer Dr. Nadine Barrett about her journey with the Association. Plus, Dr. Barrett shares how ACCC is helping improve diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts in our cancer programs and practices nationwide and in patient care. acc-cancer.org/episode100.



PUBLICATION

Measurable Residual Disease Testing: Integration Pathway

Two cancer programs pilot a roadmap through activities like identifying stakeholders involved in measurable residual disease testing; reviewing current testing methods and infrastructure; identifying associated testing costs and patient financial responsibilities; creating algorithms and processes; and identifying opportunities to improve education, communication, and coordination between providers and departments. Read online at acc-cancer.org/mrd-testing-pathway.

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A Snapshot of Health Insurance Knowledge

In this Harris Poll survey of more than 1,000 employed American adults:

- **72%** wish someone could tell them the best health insurance option, while **44%** feel uncomfortable asking their HR representative questions about health insurance enrollment, and **47%** call their friends or family members for help when enrolling in health insurance.
- **62%** do not change their health insurance selections year over year because it's too stressful, and nearly half (**49%**) feel pressure to select the most expensive health insurance option to ensure they have necessary coverage.
- **78%** say that having health insurance that meets their specific needs is important to them when looking for a new job, and **64%** would be willing to sacrifice some pay for better health insurance. In addition, **63%** say that their company's health insurance offerings impact how much they want to keep working there.

Source: Just Works. 2022 Health Insurance Knowledge Snapshot. justworks.com/lp/benefits-knowledge-snapshot.

Latest Cancer Stats— Good News, Bad News

- Overall cancer mortality continues to decline, with a **33%** drop since 1991
- Women aged 20 to 24—the first group of women to receive the HPV vaccine—experienced a **65%** reduction in cervical cancer rates from 2012 to 2019.
- Data reveal an increase in diagnosis of advanced prostate cancer among men, with the highest incidence and mortality in Black men.
- Since 2011, the diagnosis of advanced-stage prostate cancer has increased by **4%** to **5%** annually.
- The incidence of prostate cancer in Black men is **70%** higher than in White men; prostate cancer mortality rates in Black men are approximately 2 to 4 times higher than those in every other racial and ethnic group.



Source: American Cancer Society. Cancer Facts & Figures, 2023. acsjournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.3322/caac.21763

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Report Highlights Healthcare Challenges Facing the LGBTQI+ Community

- Transgender individuals face unique obstacles to accessing healthcare, including **1 in 3** who had to teach their doctor about transgender individuals to receive appropriate care.
- Around **3 in 10** LGBTQ+ Americans faced difficulties last year accessing necessary medical care due to cost issues, including more than half of transgender Americans.
- **15%** of LGBTQ+ Americans report postponing or avoiding medical treatment due to discrimination, including nearly 3 in 10 transgender individuals.

Source: Center for American Progress. The State of the LGBTQ Community in 2020. americanprogress.org/article/state-lgbtq-community-2020.



Higher Out-of-Pocket Patient Bills Hitting Hospitals Hard

According to data gathered by the Crowe Revenue Cycle Analytics software, hospital collection rates drop significantly when the patient portion reaches a balance of **\$7,500**. Other insights gleaned from this data:

- Total patient statements with balances of more than \$7,500 have more than tripled in the last three years, from **5.2%** in 2018 to **17.7%** in 2021.
- 2021 was the first time self-pay-after-insurance accounts were the leading source of bad debt, accounting for **57.6%** of patient bad debt, compared to **11.1%** in 2018.
- The percentage of patients with health insurance who paid their out-of-pocket bill dropped from **76%** in 2020 to **54.8%** in 2021.
- In 2021, the self-pay-after-insurance collection rate for claims between \$5,000 and \$7,500 was **32%** and **17%** for claims between \$7,501 to \$10,000.
- Patient statements with balances greater than \$14,000 nearly quadrupled from **4.4%** in 2018 to **16.8%** in 2021.

Source: Crowe Revenue Cycle Analytics. Hospital Collection Rates for Self-Pay Patient Accounts. crowe.com/-/media/crowe/llp/widen-media-files-folder/h/hospital-collection-rates-for-self-pay-patient-accounts-report-chc2305-001a.pdf.

Physician Burnout & Depression on the Rise

- Last year, **53%** of physicians reported burnout—an **11%** jump from 2018, when **42%** of physicians said they were burned out.
- In Medscape's 2018 report, **15%** of physicians reported they had depression, compared to **23%** in 2022.
- Emergency medicine specialists had the highest rate of burnout at **65%**, compared to oncology at **52%**.
- The top 3 factors of physician burnout were the same pre- and post-COVID-19; in the 2022 report, **61%** cited too many bureaucratic tasks, **38%** cited lack of respect from co-workers, and **37%** cited too many work hours.

Source: The Medscape Physician Burnout & Depression Report 2023. [medscape.com](https://www.medscape.com).

