

fast facts



Americans Report These Dissatisfiers with Health Plans

- **52%** said plan has limited or restricted access to specialists
- **41%** said plan has limited access to a primary care physician
- **38%** said the plan's premiums and deductibles were too high
- **38%** said their plan has too many restrictions for special tests, such as CT scans.

Source. [Pacific Research Institute](#).

Given nurses' breadth of knowledge, work, and connections, they are in a unique position to promote safety and improve care, according to the Joint Commission.

Source. DiBlasi Moorehead L. Nurses are uniquely qualified to drive safety and quality initiatives. Published May 18, 2023. Accessed June 24, 2024. <https://www.jointcommission.org/resources/news-and-multimedia/blogs/deline-tjc/2023/05/nurses-are-uniquely-qualified-to-drive-safety-and-quality-initiatives/>



Americans Say This About Cancer Treatment

- **75%** of those polled say it should be a priority for the government to invest in proven cancer treatments; more than half (**51%**) say investment in cancer treatments should be a top priority.
- Support for greater federal investment is high across political party affiliation, with strong support coming from Democrats, Republicans, and Independents alike.



- **78%** and nearly all who have been diagnosed with cancer (**93%**) say radiation therapy is safe and effective at treating cancer.
- More than half of respondents note that the distance to the nearest radiation therapy facility, coupled with family and work responsibilities, are top barriers to accessing these treatments.

Source. An AdvaMed [survey](#) of 2,200 adults conducted by Morning Consult.



Highlights from Annual Nursing Survey

- Nurse career satisfaction has been at **80%** to **85%** for a decade; in 2023, it dropped to **71%**. Likelihood of encouraging others to become a nurse is down **14** points from 2021.
- Only **15%** of nurses employed in hospitals say they will “continue working as I am” in 1 year.
- **36%** of hospital nurses say they will continue working as nurses but seek a new place of employment.
- 4 of 5 nurses say they experience a great deal or a lot of stress, up **16** points from 2021. Worry that their job is affecting their health is up **19** points. Often feeling emotionally drained rose **15** points.
- **94%** of respondents agree there is a severe or moderate shortage of nurses in their area, with half of nurses saying the shortage is severe.
- **80%** of nurses expect the shortage to get much worse or somewhat worse in the next 5 years, with half of nurses saying the shortage will get much worse.

Source: AMN Healthcare. [2023 Survey of Registered Nurses](#).

Average Annual Salaries of Select Hospital Staff

- Physician assistants—\$108,610 annual
- Nurse practitioners—\$107,030 annual
- Registered nurses—\$71,730 annual
- Dietitians and nutritionists—\$60,370 annual
- Medical transcriptionists—\$34,770 annual

Source: Nadkarni T. [The average salary of every type of hospital employee](#). The Nursing Beat. Published March 26, 2021. Accessed June 24, 2024.



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Reimagining Community Engagement and Equity in Cancer

In this candid [conversation](#) about a shared organizational goal to engage and empower communities to advance equitable cancer care, ACCC President Dr. Nadine J. Barrett and AACI (Association of American Cancer Institutes) President Dr. Robert A. Winn discuss the science behind outreach engagement and how you can begin to contribute to the conversation.

Integrating Genetic Counselors in Routine Genitourinary Care

Germline and somatic testing for prostate cancer can improve outcomes and promote early detection and prevention, yet many patients are not aware of testing and the impact it can have on treatment options. In this [podcast](#), hear how access to genetic counselors and increased patient education can help cancer programs close the practice gap and promote guideline-concordant testing among patients diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Operational Insights for the Delivery of Bispecific Antibodies in Solid Tumors

In this [article](#), West Virginia University Cancer Institute shares effective practices focused on patient-centered treatment conversations, care coordination, and strategies to resolve logistical and socioeconomic challenges to the delivery of bispecific antibodies.

Engaging the Generations Through #BlackFamCan

[Highlights](#) from an FDA Oncology Center of Excellence *Conversation on Cancer* public panel discussion on engaging future generations of Black Americans. Critical to that engagement: family members with access to the most current, correct information about cancer awareness, screening, and treatment at every stage, so they can best support a loved one diagnosed with cancer.

Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma Resource Library

Review this carefully curated [collection of resources](#) that includes information and tools for patients, caregivers, social workers, clinicians, and other multidisciplinary cancer care team members. Resources include information on veteran care coverage, prognostic tools, practice resource guides, clinical trial information, and more.