




Cost of Cancer Care

Hospital vs. Community-Based Treatment



The National Cancer Institute projects the **total cost of all cancer care** in the U.S. will be **\$157.7 billion by 2020¹**.

In 2014, the **average annual cost of treatment** for a cancer patient was **\$58,097²**.



Research shows that outpatient cancer treatment costs significantly more when provided in the outpatient hospital setting versus a community-based setting **without any meaningful improvement in quality of care or health outcomes³**.

A recent study found **per-patient charges by hospital-employed physicians** were **almost 20% greater** than those employed by community-based practices⁴.



Private payers: patient costs for **chemotherapy in an outpatient hospital setting were 76% higher** than in a community-based cancer clinic⁵.



Medicare costs by site-of-service were **\$6,500 higher** annually for chemotherapy treatment **in outpatient hospital cancer facilities** versus independent community cancer clinics⁶.



The average cost of a chemotherapy treatment **is more than 24% higher when treated in a hospital than in a community-based setting⁷**.

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4. California study published in JAMA, 2015

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