




# 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 2020**<sup>1</sup>.

In 2014, the **average annual cost of treatment** for a cancer patient was **\$58,097**<sup>2</sup>.



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 outcomes**<sup>3</sup>.

A recent study found **per-patient charges by hospital-employed physicians** were **almost 20% greater** than those employed by community-based practices<sup>4</sup>.



Private payers: patient costs for **chemotherapy in an outpatient hospital setting were 76% higher** than in a community-based cancer clinic<sup>5</sup>.



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



The average cost of a chemotherapy treatment **is more than 24% higher when treated in a hospital than in a community-based setting**<sup>7</sup>.

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3. MedPAC to report to Congress, June 2013

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