

## Factors Influencing Financial Toxicity Among Cancer Patients In UF Cancer Catchment Area

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While cancer's physical and emotional toll is well-known, a less often discussed burden is the financial hardship that cancer patients experience. Financial burden affects patients' quality of life and treatment outcomes along with the impact on treatment adherence; collectively known as financial toxicity. Using University of Florida (UF) Bureau of Business Research's data on UF Health Cancer Center's 22-county catchment area, we measured the impacts of direct and indirect and supportive cost factors, on patients' levels of financial toxicity. Controlling for socioeconomic, disease, and treatment characteristics, our study showed greater financial well-being was associated with lower levels of financial toxicity.

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