

# *Intervening on the Financial Toxicity of Cancer Care*



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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in three Americans experience financial burden as a result of medical care. The burden is greater for cancer patients, who pay more out of pocket for care than those with other chronic illnesses. Indeed, 13% of nonelderly cancer patients spend at least 20% of their income on out-of-pocket expenses. Fifty percent of Medicare beneficiaries with cancer pay at least 10% of their income towards cancer treatment-related out-of-pocket costs. In other words, half of elderly cancer patients are underinsured.

This workshop at the July NRG Oncology Semiannual Meeting in Philadelphia will focus both on long term solutions including policy changes to reduce unsustainable drug prices and promote innovative insurance models as well as more immediate solutions.

Be sure to register for this special workshop to improve understanding and engagement through increased knowledge of available resources, discussion of the value of care delivered and communication-based interventions for physician and patient interactions.

**Dr. Zafar** is a gastrointestinal medical oncologist and healthcare delivery researcher. He is an Associate Professor of Medicine and Public Policy at the Duke Cancer Institute and Sanford School of Public Policy. He serves as Director of the Center for Applied Cancer Health Policy at the Duke Cancer Institute. Dr. Zafar's research explores ways to improve cancer care delivery with a primary focus on improving the affordability of cancer treatment. He approaches this issue from both patient-focused and policy perspectives. He has over 80 publications in top peer-reviewed journals including the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, and *JAMA Oncology*. Dr. Zafar also serves as Clinical Associate Director of Duke Forge (Health Data Science Center), and Co-Leader for Duke Cancer Institute's Healthcare Delivery Research Focus Area. His research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health and the American Cancer Society, among others. His work has been covered by national media outlets including *Forbes*, *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *NPR*, and *Washington Post*.