

Community Setting Versus Hospital

MEDICARE RATES FOR ONCOLOGY SERVICES¹



Medicare pays **\$6,500 more/per year** for chemotherapy patients in **hospital-based oncology clinics (HCs)** than **community-based clinics (CCs)**²



The average drug cost to **HC** patient is higher at **\$134/per dose more** than a **CC**³



Average **cost per claim is higher at HCs** than CCs for⁴:

- Spending per beneficiary
- Chemotherapy drugs per patient per day



In **6,675** patients seen at **CCs** or **HCs** for their cancer care, costs were **lower per month** across all tumor types in **CCs**⁵

Time From Diagnosis to 1st Treatment: Average # of days was **shorter at a CC** than a **HC**⁶



Community Clinic
Lower Costs



Hospital
Higher Costs



AVERAGE COST PER PATIENT PER MONTH⁷

Cost by patient	Community-Based Clinic	Hospital-Based Clinic
Chemotherapy	6,189	9,881
Branded agents only	9,862	17,603
Generic agents only	4,573	7,322
Combo branded & generic	8,971	16,428
Physician visits	538	2,791
Radiation	1,274	1,820
Inpatient	802	1,593
ED visits	94	107
Outpatient	2,306	1,864
Other	711	790
Total pharmacy costs	454	498
Total cost	\$35,774	\$60,697

TRUE OR FALSE?

- FALSE:** Community-based do not offer the same services as hospitals
- TRUE:** Hematology/Oncology Clinic provides cancer services from diagnosis to treatment to survivorship
- FALSE:** State-of-the-art cancer care is only available in hospitals
- TRUE:** Hematology/Oncology Clinic oncologists keep pace with new therapies and advancements to provide the most effective cancer treatments
- FALSE:** Access to clinical trials is only available in academic hospitals
- TRUE:** Patients at Hematology/Oncology Clinic participate in cutting-edge cancer research through community-based clinical trials



Community oncology clinics provide the highest quality care at a lower cost!

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