

Defining Value and Quality in Cancer Care: Implications for the Practicing General Oncologist

THE CORRECT ANSWER IS INDICATED WITH YELLOW HIGHLIGHTING.

1. According to a study published by Ramsey and colleagues, the predominant cause of personal bankruptcy in the US is dealing with a long-term illness or medical crisis.
 - a. True
 - b. False
2. After the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, which of the following costs has not risen dramatically?
 - a. Pharmaceutical costs
 - b. Outpatient urgent care treatment costs
 - c. Nondrug costs
3. Which of the following is a core pillar of oncology medical home care?
 - a. Evolved delivery structures integrating independent practices into larger networks
 - b. Team- and evidence-based care that provides patients with enhanced access
 - c. Locally and regionally mandated networks associated with tertiary care centers
4. In response to the rising costs of medical care and medical crises, ASCO published 2 lists that identified opportunities to balance cost and care. Which of the following topics was NOT included on the list of procedures and treatments that are commonly used in cancer care but not supported by evidence?
 - a. Use of follow-up PET or PET-CT scans to watch for cancer recurrence
 - b. Use of cancer-directed treatments at the end of life
 - c. Use of electronic tools to document patient-reported outcomes
 - d. Use of growth factor support for preventing infection
5. Which of the following practices is a key driver of the escalating costs of healthcare for patients with cancer?
 - a. Earlier use of palliative care
 - b. ER admissions and hospitalization
 - c. Biomarker testing
6. Data from the health services and innovation company Optum indicate that the costs of care within the last 6 months of life are largely related to unexpected hospitalizations for symptom burden and toxicities associated with therapy.
 - a. True
 - b. False
7. What is one approach recommended by a National Cancer Policy Forum workshop to deal with the impending workforce shortage?
 - a. Increased interprofessional training of the current workforce
 - b. Implementation of centralized care systems
 - c. Optimization of electronic medical record keeping
8. In his 2010 *New England Journal of Medicine* paper, Michael Porter articulated which of the following as being the key concept associated with "value in healthcare"?
 - a. Direct and indirect costs of patient care
 - b. Cost-to-benefit ratio of treatments
 - c. Patient-centered medicine
 - d. None of the above