The financial costs and burden of breast cancer care

Brief Synopsis:

Rising deductibles and co-payments have resulted in treatment-related financial hardship for up to 70% of cancer patients, and more recently, has been associated with bankruptcy and early death. From the patient perspective, cancer-related costs include direct payments for healthcare and indirect morbidity costs related to lost productivity and treatment burden. We will review the burden of breast cancer care from the patient perspective, and address challenges and solutions to this significant problem.