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# Cancer Straight Talk: The Cost of Cancer: Advice on Insurance, Planning and Paying for Treatment (Podcast)

The negative impact of medical expenses on patients is known as financial toxicity. It's one of the most universal and devastating side effects among cancer patients and their families, and it's growing. Is there any hope on the horizon? In this episode, Dr. Diane Reidy-Lagunes gets answers and advice from two champions of this issue: Dr. Fumiko Chino, radiation oncologist at MSK and inaugural winner of the ASCO Excellence in Equity Award; and Dr. Emeline Aviki, gynecologic surgeon and head of the Affordability Working Group at MSK. Dr. Chino and Dr. Aviki share tips for choosing the right insurance plan, oral versus IV treatments, planning ahead with your loved ones and resources for aid.

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