
Financial catastrophe, treatment discontinuation and death associated with surgically operable cancer in South-East Asia: results from the ACTION Study

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Abstract:

The potential economic burden and barrier to care posed by the out-of-pocket costs of treatment presents challenges to health systems in Asia in addressing the growing burden of cancer, particularly in its poorest populations. Individuals diagnosed with cancer and lacking financial protection from such costs often face the tragic choice of either financial ruin for their families or having to abandon treatment. The ACTION (Asean CoSTs In ONcology) study is a prospective longitudinal study examining the economic impact of cancer on households in eight countries in ASEAN (Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand Vietnam). The aim is to assess the extent to which 4500 consecutively recruited individuals with surgically operable cancer experienced financially catastrophic out-of-pocket costs, the discontinuation of treatment or death. The findings highlight the extent and nature of the burden of cancer on patients and households, the extent to which the prospect of such costs influence treatment outcomes and ultimately seek to inform governments about the rollout programs to achieve universal coverage in Asia.

Presenter:

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