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The Financial Impact of Cancer in Young Adults

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Financial impact is one of the most troublesome and under recognised consequences of a cancer diagnosis in young adults (YAs). This group is at an increased risk of not completing their education and being unemployed due to the physical demands of treatment and recovery. YAs are also more likely to be uninsured and face significant financial barriers to medical care. YAs may deplete any saving they may have and go into considerable debt in order to cover necessary living costs or health expenditures, which places their future and the future of their often-young families at risk of significant financial hardship. The present CARE-funded study recruited 622 YAs from across Canada and examined the financial impact of cancer and compared them to their matched peers without cancer. Identifying these differences is necessary to increase awareness of the age-specific financial hardships faced by YAs and demonstrate the need for additional support for this vulnerable group.

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