American Cancer Society Scientists to Present Cancer Research Advancements at ASCO Annual Meeting 2025

This year's American Society of Clinical Oncology meeting to be held in Chicago, May 30-June 3

ATLANTA, May 27, 2025 — <u>American Cancer Society</u> (ACS) scientists are presenting research studies at this year's annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO). The conference is the world's largest clinical cancer research meeting, attracting an estimated 45,000 oncology professionals from around the world and featuring more than 6,000 abstracts and 200 sessions.

Below are titles/links for highlighted oral research presentations and posters from ACS experts:

• Association of Medicaid expansion with five-year survival after cancer diagnosis

ASCO Rapid Oral Abstract #11006 May 30, 2025, 3:00pm, CT Presenter: Elizabeth Schafer

In this study, Medicaid expansion was associated with greater increases in 5-year observed and cause-specific survival for non-Hispanic Black individuals, individuals living in the most deprived areas, and rural communities. These findings reinforce the importance of Medicaid expansion in reducing disparities in cancer survival outcomes.

• Association of court-documented major adverse financial events before cancer diagnosis and mortality risk in the U.S.

ASCO Rapid Oral Abstract #1519 May 31, 2025, 9:00am, CT Presenter: Robin Yabroff

In this study, court-documented major adverse financial events (AFEs) of pre-diagnosis bankruptcy, lien, or eviction are associated with increased risk of all-cause and cancer-specific mortality for multiple cancer types. The findings underscore lasting adverse consequences of patient financial vulnerability prior to incurring high out-of-pocket costs of cancer treatment. The research is especially timely, with growing efforts by health care providers to screen and address patient health-related social needs as part of comprehensive oncology care.

• <u>Spillover effects of Medicaid expansion on insurance coverage, diagnosis, and survival among low-income</u> elderly patients with cancer

ASCO Abstract #1522/Poster Bd. #275 Conquer Cancer Merit Award May 31, 2025, 9:00am, CT Presenter: Kewei Sylvia Shi

In this study, Medicaid expansion was associated with an increase in Medicaid coverage, early-stage cancer diagnoses, and improved two-year survival among patients diagnosed with cancer 65 years or older. The findings underscore the spillover benefits of Medicaid expansion in supporting low-income elderly populations and the importance of indirect benefits when evaluating Medicaid expansion's broader impact.

• Association of county-level medical debt and timely treatment initiation among individuals newly diagnosed with cancer

May 31, 2025, 3:00pm, CT Presenter: Jingxuan Zhao

In this study, county-level medical debt in collections was associated with delays in treatment initiation among individuals newly diagnosed with cancer. Policies aimed at preventing and alleviating medical debt could be effective strategies for improving access to timely cancer treatment.

• Medicare plan switching, hospice enrollment, and place of hospice services at the end-of-life among decedent patients diagnosed with distant stage cancers in 2010-2019

ASCO Abstract #11089/Poster Bd. #428 May 31, 2025, 3:00pm, CT Presenter: Xin Hu

In this study, continuous Medicare Advantage (MA) coverage was associated with a greater likelihood of hospice utilization, particularly at home. In contrast, switching from MA to Traditional Medicare and gaining dual eligibility were associated with greater reliance on nursing homes for hospice care. Future research examining patient-centered outcomes across plan-switching patterns and addressing care coordination gaps to ensure equitable hospice care is warranted.

For more information about this research and to set up interviews, contact anne.doerr@cancer.org

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