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Is Government Health Subsidy Targeted Enough in India? Estimation of Private and Public Treatment Costs for Cancer Patients

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Abstract:

In the emerging economics like India, the focus of public health policies is shifting towards treatment of non-communicable disease from the prevention of communicable disease. Public welfare demands appropriate targeted healthcare subsidy for the non-communicable disease. We have collected the cancer patients' expenditure data from both the patients and hospital management. The focus of this study is a not-for-profit cancer hospital located in Kerala state. We have analysed the variation of expenditure categorised as government subsidy towards treatment, private expenditure towards medical goods and services, and private expenditure towards non-medical goods and services against the socio-economic variables. We have calculated the catastrophic health expenditure for the patients. We find that the lower income households face the risk of catastrophic health expenditure more and have no greater support of government subsidy.

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