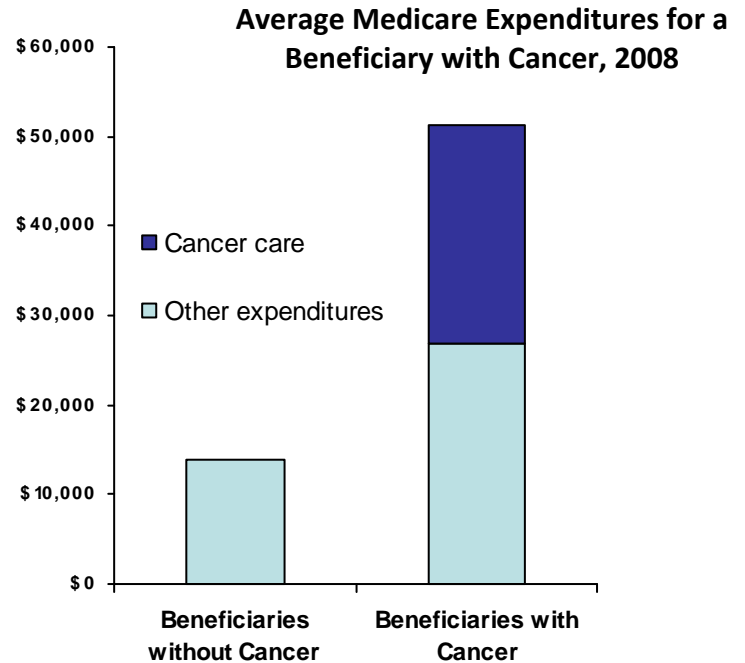


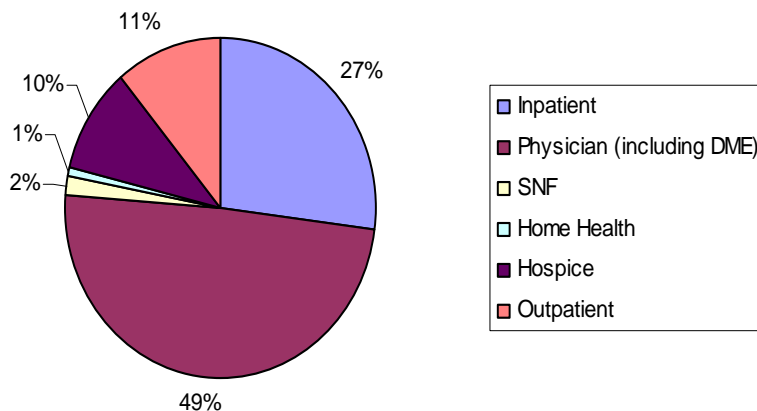
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- Average Medicare expenditures for beneficiaries with cancer are almost four times higher than expenditures for those without cancer.
- More than one-third of Medicare Part B drug expenditures are for seven drugs that treat either cancer or the side effects associated with chemotherapy.
- Medicare finances approximately one-third of the cost of cancer treatment overall for men and women over 65.



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Average Medicare Expenditures for Cancer Care by Provider Setting, 2009



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- Lung, colorectal, prostate, and breast cancer account for half of Medicare FFS payments for cancer.
- Costs of cancer care in Medicare are highest in the initial phase of care and the last year of life.
- The aging of the US population will increase the numbers of people diagnosed and living with cancer over the next 20 years, placing a greater burden on the Medicare program to pay for the rising costs of cancer care.