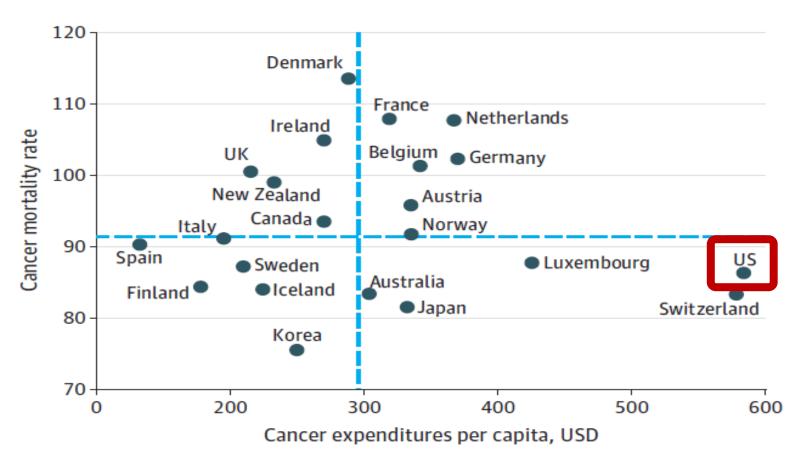
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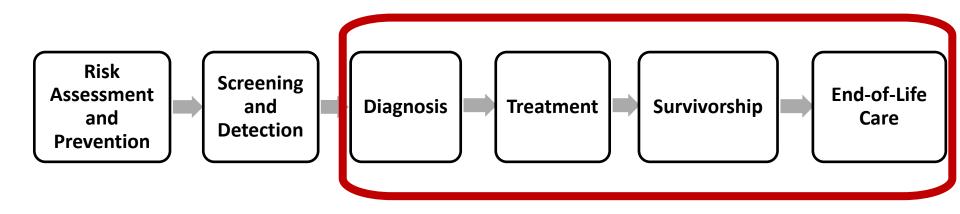


# Cancer-Related Spending and Mortality Rates in the United States Compared with other High-Income Countries



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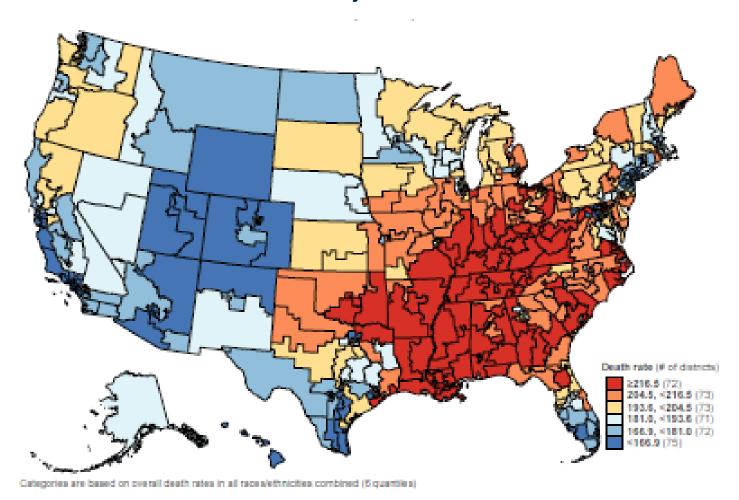
# Disparities in Care Across the Cancer Control Continuum



#### **Cancer Survivorship in the United States**

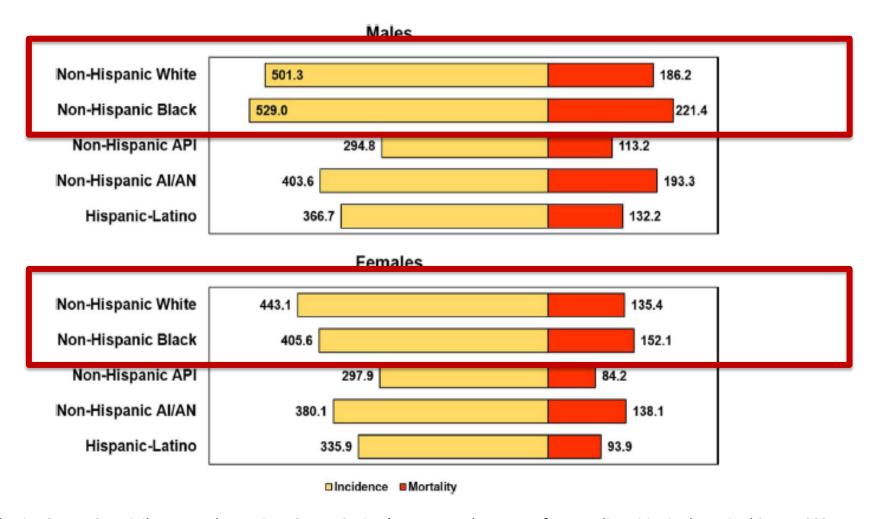
- Cancer survivors can experience lasting adverse effects of disease and its treatment
  - Risk for new cancers and chronic conditions
  - Increases need for specialty and coordinated care
  - Limitations in amount or kind of work
    - Income loss, especially without paid sick leave
    - Lack workplace accommodations
    - Loss of employer-sponsored health insurance
- Disparities in access to care and health outcomes by geography, socioeconomic status, health-related social needs, and race and ethnicity

## **Geographic Disparities in Cancer Mortality Rates in United States, Males 2014-2018**



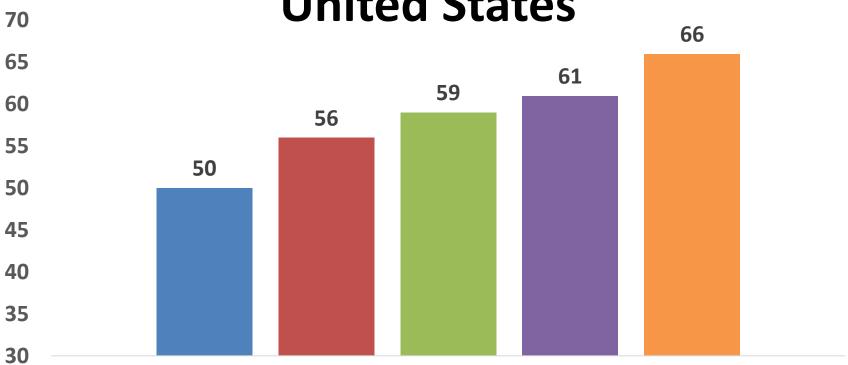
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## Disparities in Cancer Incidence and Mortality Rates by Race and Ethnicity in the US, 2015-2019



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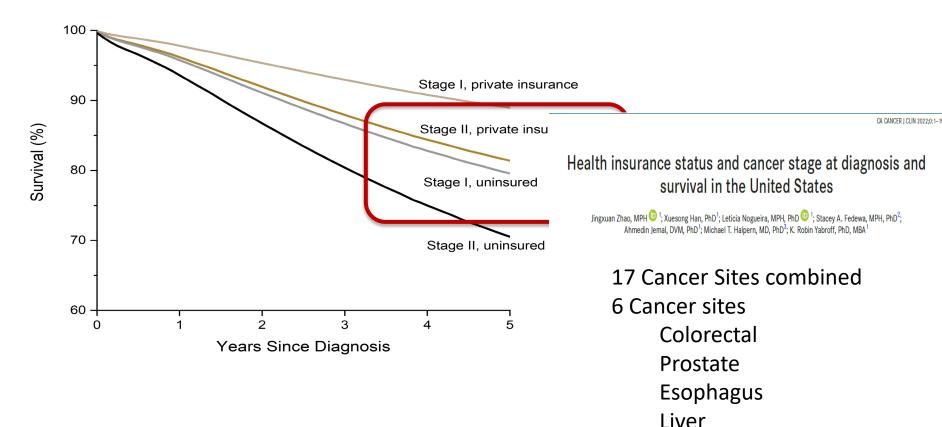
# Socioeconomic Disparities in 5-year Survival Following Cancer Diagnosis in United States



■ Quintile 1 (low SES) ■ Quintile 2 ■ Quintile 3 ■ Quintile 4 ■ Quintile 5 (highest SES)

SES measured with area deprivation index, with indicators of education, occupation, wealth, income distribution, unemployment rate, poverty rate, and housing quality linked to SEER data. SOURCE: Singh GK, Jemal A. Socioeconomic and Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Cancer Mortality, Incidence, and Survival in the United States, 1950-2014: Over Six Decades of Changing Patterns and Widening Inequalities. J Environ Public Health. 2017

#### Disparities in Survival By Health Insurance Coverage, Colorectal Cancer Patients



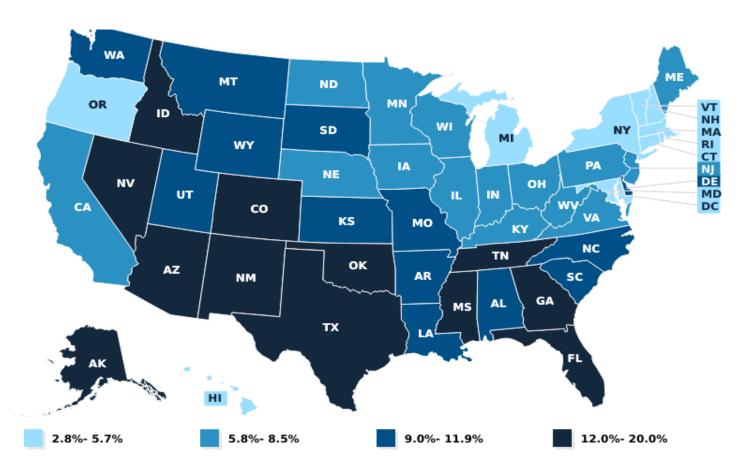
**Oral Cavity** 

Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

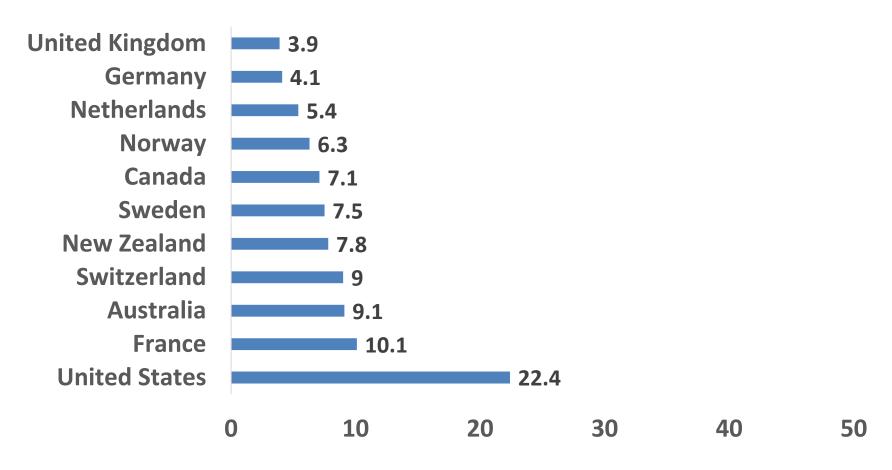
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### Percentage of Adults aged 18-64 Years without Health Insurance Coverage by State



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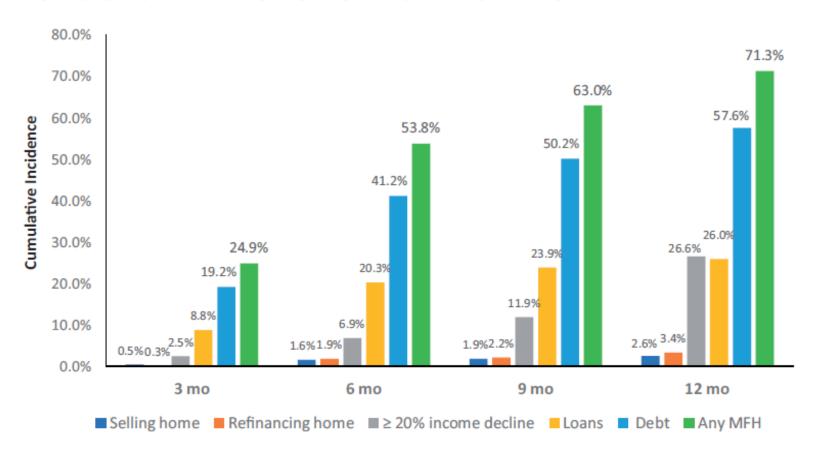
## Medical and Non-Medical Financial Hardship

Even many years following diagnosis, cancer survivors report:

- High out-of-pocket cost burden, medical debt, filing for bankruptcy
- Distress and worry about medical bills
- Delaying or forgoing medical care because of cost
- Worries about daily financial needs (e.g., food, housing)
- Transportation barriers to care

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#### Features of Health Insurance Coverage Associated with Access and Affordability

- Coverage disruptions
  - Periods without coverage or change in plan
  - Provider network disruptions
- Cost-sharing
  - Deductibles
  - Copayments
  - Coinsurance
- Annual out-of-pocket caps
- Uncovered services (e.g., dental care)



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