Health Insurer Perspective for Delivering Affordable Cancer Care

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A Full 15 Minutes

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- Why we need to do something
- The three cost centers for cancer care
- Strategies for change



Where the Money Goes for Cancer Care



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Pertuzumab plus Trastuzumab plus Docetaxel for Metastatic Breast Cancer



Baselga J et al. N Engl J Med 2012;366:109-119



Pharma Profit Margins





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Average Total Cost of Care per Episode Breast Stage I, II HER2-, ER+/PR+





Diagnostic Radiology Cost and Utilization *Metastatic*



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Avastin: Guidelines Enforced



UHC FI Avastin Chemotherapy Utilization- PMPM



What Do We Need from Oncologists?



Standards

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- Read Atul Gewande's Cheesecake Factory article
- Use of cost effective therapies
- Agreement on value
 - When do we agree that the spend is not worth the gain received?

Strategies for Medical Oncologists



- ✓Create performance measurement system
- ✓ Episode payments
- Differential fee schedule based on performance
 - Total cost
 - Complications
 - Survival
- Limit networks based on expertise
 - Multidisc

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- Steerage to more cost effective physician offices

The Laws of Economics



Revenues -- Costs = Margin (Profit)

Newcomer's Theorems

- 1. Revenue will decrease (remember the first slide?)
- 2. Costs must decrease to retain margins
- 3. Payers share cost savings with physicians who produce results