

-- **Breast cancer often leaves financial burden, study finds**

A study of 1,500 women surveyed nine months after being diagnosed with early-stage breast cancer and again four years later revealed that 25% of respondents said their finances had deteriorated and 12% said they still had medical debt. Race, age younger than 65, treatment with chemotherapy and recurrence were among the factors connected to financial difficulty, according to the study in the [Journal of Clinical Oncology](#). Ensuring proper patient-doctor communication regarding financial implications could help ease monetary burdens, said lead author Dr. Reshma Jagsi. [HealthDay News](#) (3/30)