

Oncologists, PCPs differ in cancer follow-up concerns

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and ordering additional tests/treatments because of malpractice concerns (OR, 1.87). With respect to general preventive care responsibility, MOs were more likely to report uncertainty.

"MOs and PCPs perceive different cancer follow-up care barriers/concerns to be problematic," the authors write.

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Katherine S. Virgo, Ph.D., M.B.A., from Emory University in Atlanta, and colleagues analyzed data from a nationally representative sample of participants in the 2009 Survey of Physician Attitudes Regarding the Care of [Cancer Survivors](#). Comparisons were made between PCP and MO responses to 10 physician-perceived [cancer survivorship](#) care barriers/concerns.

The researchers found that, based on responses from 2,202 physicians (1,072 PCPs and 1,130 MOs), in assessing patient-related barriers, MOs were more likely than PCPs to report patient language barriers (odds ratio [OR], 1.72), insurance restrictions impeding test/treatment use (OR, 1.42), and patients requesting more aggressive testing (OR, 4.08). In assessing physician-related barriers, PCPs were more likely than MOs to report inadequate training (OR, 3.06)

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