



TREATMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Don't let financial hardship keep you from the treatment you need.

Call the Susan G. Komen® Breast Care Helpline
M-F 9AM-10PM
1-877 GO KOMEN (465-6636)
or email helpline@komen.org

The following assistance is available for qualifying breast cancer patients:



Assessment by
 an oncology
 social worker



Psychosocial
 support



Breast cancer
 education



Information about
 local resources

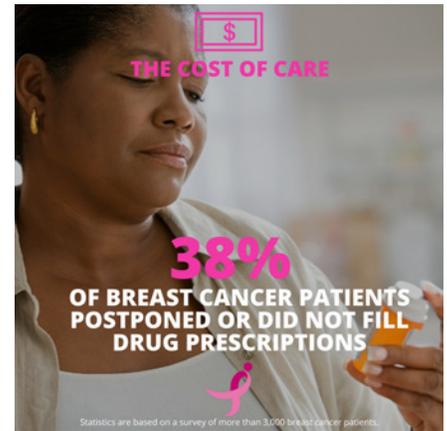


Financial assistance

- Oral pain medication
- Anti-nausea medication
- Oral chemotherapy/
hormone therapy
- Child care/elder care
- Transportation to
and from treatment
- Lymphedema care
and supplies
- Durable medical
equipment

Removing Barriers Through Treatment Assistance

After an individual is diagnosed with breast cancer, the goal is for them to receive treatment to combat the disease. They receive orders from doctors to have life-saving procedures and medications to take. Even with insurance coverage, the out-of-pocket cost for initial treatment can be more than \$5,000, which is five times more than what the average American has in their savings account (Huddleston). The reality is some cannot afford bus fare or a tank of gas to get to their scheduled procedures. Some cannot afford to pay for all the medications or the co-pays to pick them up from the pharmacy. Time lost at work is another burden as those who are undergoing treatment may not be able to continue working and do not have another source of income.



THE COST OF CARE

More than 92% of patients receiving treatment assistance have insurance coverage, but the aid that insurance provides is often not enough. A survey of more than 3,000 breast cancer patients reported the following.

CARE ALTERING SAVINGS

38% Postponed or did not fill drug prescriptions
34% Skipped doses
31% Halved medications
30% Ordered medications online from sources outside the U.S.

CO-PAYS AND VISITS

29% of patients skipped doctor appointments to save costs

TREATMENT PLANS

25% of patients under the age of 64, reported their care team never took their personal financial situation into consideration during treatment planning

MAKING ENDS MEET

33% of patients reported decreasing expenses such as groceries and transportation
21% missed a utility bill
17% missed a rent or mortgage payment

"Your assistance took some of my financial burden off my mind while I was recovering from surgery and adjusting to treatments."



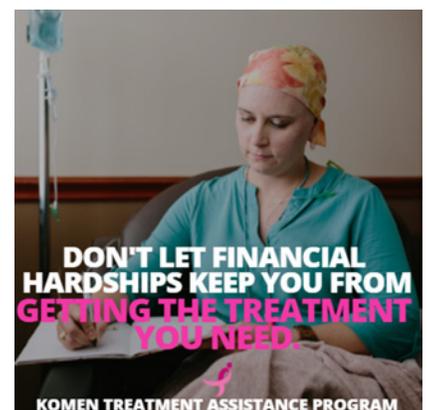
Susan G. Komen knows that financial stress is a reality for many battling breast cancer. That is why we started the Komen Treatment Assistance Fund.

Our goal is to help those who are facing financial challenges by providing limited financial assistance, education, and support services to low-income, underinsured or uninsured women across the country. While treatment and care will be the primary cost associated with breast cancer, there are other indirect costs which can keep a patient from receiving the care they need.

"The help provided was a lifeline at a very crucial time."

For those that are eligible, funding aids recipients with the costs of treatment, transportation, child and elder care, home care, medical equipment, wigs, and prostheses.

Of the thousands of people who receive treatment assistance funds, 85% of those recipients use funding to help pay for transportation to and from treatment. By reducing the financial burden, we hope that more patients will be able to make it to all their life-saving procedures and can take all their prescribed medications.



The Komen Treatment Assistance Fund reduces barriers to care for patients and ultimately, aids in improving outcomes. This is just one way that Susan G. Komen will be able to reach our Bold Goal in reducing the number of breast cancer deaths in the U.S. by 50% by 2026 because more people will receive the care they need to battle this disease.