

Out-of-pocket Expenditure in Childhood Cancer during the COVID-19 pandemic in an LMIC

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Abstract

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to unprecedented economic and health vulnerability and inequities globally. This study aims to determine the out-of-pocket (OOP) expenditure of families of children with cancer in Peru before and during the COVID-19 pandemic. We conducted a cross-sectional survey of 235 parents and caregivers of children diagnosed with cancer in Peru. Our study suggests that OOP expenses in these families constitute a catastrophic expense for health. This situation was aggravated due to a decrease in the economic income for most families due to the disruption in formal and informal employment.

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