

Reflection

Diagnostic testing and treatments available for this client's diagnosis can be very expensive. How would your treatment plan change if your client did not have insurance?

As a future NP, if the client did not have insurance, I would have to evaluate the plan for treatment, eliminate any absolutely unnecessary testing, or even switch testing to an alternative that was not as specific but less expensive. This could also entail prescribing generic medications, as they are considered as effective as the brand name medications, but the clients pay much less for them. Also, work with the client to "shop around" at the pharmacies. In our town many people use GoodRX. The out-of-pocket medication cost can vary by hundreds of dollars. Sometimes the larger pharmacies have better prices, however, on some of the generic medications the much smaller hometown pharmacy can sell it to the client for practically no cost. Additionally, some pharmacies have additional discount programs for uninsured clients or those who pay with cash. The local social services and hospitals have financial assistance programs that most clients qualify for a certain period of time, they just have to fill out the information. This is often helpful for individuals who are waiting for insurance to start are just leaving the hospital with a new diagnosis like pulmonary embolism and are on a costly medication like Lovenox.(Pickett et al., 2023)

What resources are available in your area to support a client with these diagnostic and treatment needs?

Here are some resources available in ----- to support a client with Iron Deficiency Anemia that is secondary to Colon Cancer.First and foremost is the Cancer Center-----. They are well known for ensuring that all individuals with a cancer diagnosis receive fair treatment that is to the best of their ability. Additionally, if they are unable to provide the services that are needed they will arrange for them to be done at the -----.

References

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