Many cancer patients are being tipped into poverty as a direct result of their illness, which adds stress and misery to an already very difficult situation. In this editorial, *Cancer World* looks at the many ways that a having cancer can hit people's living standards. It calls for more information and awareness about the financial problems patients are facing, and calls for a determined EU-level policy initiative to end this economic penalisation of cancer patients.

What do you think?

- Do any of your patients struggle to cope with the economic consequences of having cancer?
- Is legislation, or better enforcement of legislation, needed to protect their rights?
- Are patients being asked to shoulder too many financial burdens – co-payments, transport, supportive care, increased heating bills?
- Do you make sure your patients know where to go to get help and advice?

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