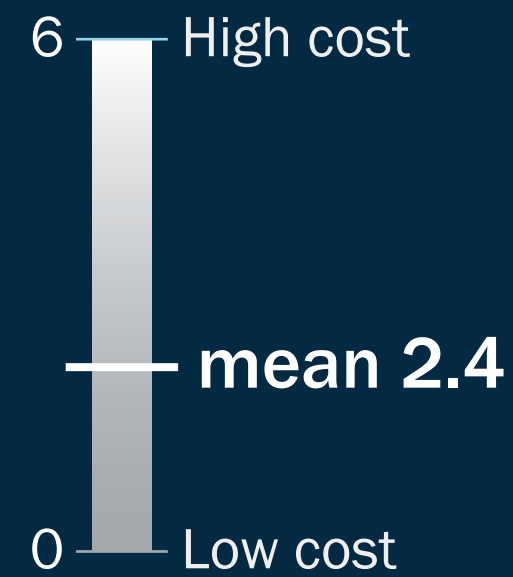


Financial Health After Orthopaedic Trauma

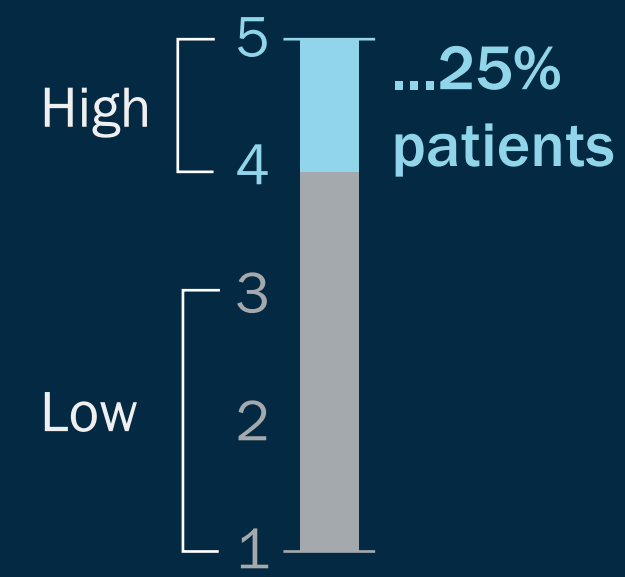
Impact of orthopaedic trauma on patient financial health is limited and those with musculoskeletal trauma may experience considerable financial hardship after treatment



Financial burden composite score



Dichotomized worry score



97.9%	had medical insurance
57%	required to cut expenses
54%	used savings to pay for their care
23%	borrowed money or took a loan
23%	missed payment on other bills

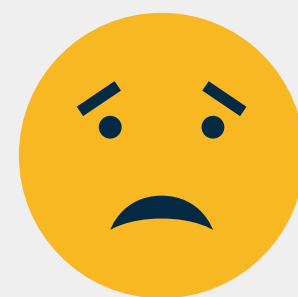


Study explored factors associated with increased personal financial burden in 236 patients with musculoskeletal injury

Validated measures:



Financial burden composite score



Dichotomized worry score

Factors associated with increased financial hardship included:



Medicaid



High-deductible health plans



Prior loans



Failure to complete high school



Increased number of surgical procedures



Orthopaedic care is associated with higher rates of worry and financial burden comparable with other serious medical conditions such as cancer

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