

**PALTmed Texas Geriatrics Annual Conference 2026: *Houston: We Have Geriatrics!***  
**Session Objectives and Speaker Bio(s)**

**Speaker(s): Fumiko Chino, MD, FASCO**

**Title: *Financial Toxicity and Cancer in America***

Date: Sunday, August 2, 2026

Time: 9:30 am to 10:30 am

**Objectives:**

1. Define financial toxicity and describe its key domains, including material burden, psychological distress, and coping behaviors among patients with cancer.
2. Understand the prevalence and drivers of financial toxicity across the cancer care continuum, with emphasis on how insurance design and socioeconomic factors contribute to risk.
3. Evaluate evidence-based approaches to measuring financial toxicity, including validated patient-reported outcome tools and patient sacrifice metrics.
4. Identify strategies and interventions at the patient, provider, health system, and policy levels that can mitigate financial toxicity and improve equity in cancer care.

**Fumiko Chino, MD, FASCO**

Fumiko Chino, MD FASCO is a cancer researcher and Associate Professor in Breast Radiation Oncology at MD Anderson Cancer Center. She was a founding lead of the Affordability Working Group at Memorial Sloan Kettering. She is also one of the Directors at the Costs of Care group, a NGO working to improve affordability in healthcare. Her research is focused on patient-centered care including the financial toxicity of cancer care and survivorship, healthcare disparities, equity, and access. She is the recipient of the inaugural 2022 ASCO Excellence in Equity Award. Her work has been published in *Lancet Oncology*, *JAMA*, and *JAMA Oncology*, and her commentary on healthcare reform has been featured in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *JAMA Oncology*, *USA Today*, and *The Los Angeles Times*. In 2024, she testified for the Congress HELP Committee (Health, Education, Labor and Pensions) on the harms of medical debt. Her work has been covered by national news media outlets including the *New York Times*, *Forbes*, *NPR*, and *NBC News*. She serves as an Associate Editor for *JAMA Network Open*, a Special Editor for *JCO Oncology Practice*, and was the Chair of the 2025 ASCO Quality Care Symposium. She has received research support from the NIH, the Radiation Oncology Institute, and the Chanel Foundation and has spoken across the US and internationally on access to care.