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Hospital Outcomes Associated with Substance Use Disorders in Patients with Pancreatic Cancer

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Abstract

Purpose: To evaluate the impact of substance use disorders (SUD) on inpatient outcomes among hospitalized patients with pancreatic cancer (PC).

Background: PC is projected to be the second leading cause of cancer death by 2030. SUD is also increasingly prevalent among hospitalized patients, with documented adverse outcomes. Veterans experience elevated rates of SUD and have unique risk factors for PC, such as service-related environmental exposures. However, the literature is sparse with regards to the impact of SUD on hospitalized patients with PC.

Methods: We conducted a cross-sectional study using the 2018 National Inpatient Sample of adult hospitalizations of PC patients. Clinical conditions and outcomes were identified using ICD-10-CM codes. SUD included alcohol, opioids, cannabis, cocaine, stimulants, and psychoactive substance-related disorders.

Data Analysis: Significance of descriptive data was assessed by chi square tests. Multivariable logistic and linear regression evaluated SUD–outcome associations, adjusting for demographics, hospital region, Charlson Comorbidity Index, admission type, and cancer stage. Survey weights were applied to generate national estimates.

Results: Among 107,245 weighted hospitalizations of patients with PC, 4600 (4.3%) had SUD. Patients with SUD were younger (62 vs 69 years, $p < 0.001$), more often male (68.9% vs 50.5%, $p < 0.001$), belonged to a minority population (36.2% vs 22.1%, $p < 0.001$), and less likely to undergo pancreatic surgery (5.5% vs 8.4%, $p = 0.002$). There was no significant difference of metastatic disease (50.5% vs 52.5%, $p = 0.238$). After adjustment, SUD was independently associated with a longer length of stay (+1.09 days, $p < 0.001$), higher odds of sepsis (aOR 1.28, 95% CI: 1.05-1.56, $p = 0.016$), and a nearly 5-fold odds of being discharged as deceased (aOR 4.90, 95% CI: 2.91-8.20, $p < 0.001$).

Implications: Among hospitalized patients with PC, those with SUD experienced marked disparities and worse inpatient outcomes. Improved multidisciplinary care, with integration of addiction medicine, social work, and palliative care consultation during admission may improve outcomes.

Significance: These results aid in identifying a high-risk subgroup of patients with PC and in characterizing the impact of SUD in this population. Due to the elevated prevalence of SUD and burden of PC among Veterans, these findings highlight a need for VHA-tailored screening and intervention.

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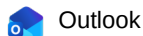
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From
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May 23, 2026

Dear Kristy Bono,

We are pleased to inform you that your abstract, *Hospital Outcomes Associated with Substance Use Disorders in Patients with Pancreatic Cancer*, has been accepted for e-poster presentation during the upcoming AVAHO Annual Meeting. Congratulations on this achievement and thank you for your contribution to advancing oncology care for veterans.

As part of our efforts to share impactful research with a broader audience, we would like to request your permission to publish your abstract in *Federal Practitioner*. **Please confirm, via email respond to janice@avaho.org, whether you grant AVAHO permission to submit your abstract for publication.**

Additionally, please include **the name of the individual who will be presenting your abstract at the meeting in September. Presenters may only present 1 poster.**

Please note abstracts will only be submitted to *Federal Practitioner* if the designated presenter is registered for the meeting and we receive confirmation of their agreement to present.

We appreciate your commitment to AVAHO's mission and look forward to your presentation. **Please respond to this email by EOB May 27th**, with the requested information. If you have any questions or require further information, feel free to reach out.

We will be sending information regarding your E-poster set-up requirements soon. Please note, no paper posters will be accepted. Presentations are electronic posters delivered via a kiosk. Presentations will be held in two sessions: Friday, September 11th at 2:15pm and Saturday, September 12th at 11:15am.

Best regards,

AVAHO Selection Committee

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