



NCEED

National Center of Excellence
for Eating Disorders

Eating disorders come at a huge cost to hospitals, health care systems, and society as a whole.

As the main point of care for overall health, primary care clinicians are the key to detect and treat eating disorders. If primary care clinicians use best practices for screening and treatment, it can lower the cost impact to the whole system.

Eating Disorders

Financial, Societal, and Health System Impacts

Mortality

Eating disorders are among the highest case fatality rates of any mental illness.



10,200

estimated deaths associated
with eating disorders each year

Financial Impacts

\$48.6 BILLION

Annual
productivity
losses
associated
with eating
disorders



\$11 BILLION

Eating disorder
treatments for
patients
between the age
of 25-29, more
than any other
age group



\$4.6 BILLION

Annual health
system costs
associated
with eating
disorders
treatment



Societal Impacts



People with eating disorders are 10.8% less likely to be employed

5.8 MILLION = 144,000

Annual hours of caregiver time required
by individuals with eating disorders

full-time working weeks

\$6.7 BILLION

Lost wages for
informal caregivers

Hospital Utilization



53,918 — Emergency department visits where eating disorders was a primary or secondary diagnosis

\$29.3 MILLION — Total cost of these emergency department visits

5,425 — Hospitalizations related to a primary diagnosis of an eating disorders

\$107.6 MILLION — Total cost of these hospitalizations