

## Unmet supportive care needs survey among male partners of gynecological cancer survivors in Indonesia

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### Abstrak

**Objective:** The number of gynecological cancer survivors is increasing in Indonesia, and these women often require physical and emotional support from their male partners as primary caregivers. However, the male caregiver's need for biological, psychological, and social support is often neglected. This study aims to assess the demographic and clinical determinants affecting the unmet supportive care needs of the gynecological cancer survivors' husbands in Indonesia. **Methods:** This cross-sectional survey involved 152 husbands of survivors who were recruited by a consecutive sampling method in two national referral hospitals. A self-administered Cancer Survivors' Partners Unmet Needs Questionnaire was used for data collection.

Multiple linear regression was performed to analyze the data.

**Results:** The majority of participants (97.4%) reported at least one unmet need. The primary unmet needs were legal services (71.1%), financial support (70.4%), cancer recurrence concerns (69.7%), and ongoing health support (66.4%). These needs were significantly associated with the wife's radiotherapy and lower household income ( $P < 0.01$ ) and also related to the husband's education level, duration of caregiving, and wife's cancer stage.

**Conclusions:** Husbands of gynecological cancer survivors in Indonesia reported a need for legal, financial, and health care information and assistance. Multidisciplinary professionals should be involved in developing policy and interventions which facilitate the social and economic protection of survivors and their husbands, as well as comprehensive care needs to enhance the women's survival rate.