

Perspectives on Clinical Research: Oncology vs. Non-Oncology Median Non-Clinical Site Fees

Oncology is commonly one of the most expensive therapeutic areas in which to conduct a clinical trial. Recently we wrote about the median of non-clinical costs across all therapeutic areas and now would like to show the break down by Oncology trials and non-oncology trials. The below graph shows there is a larger difference within the United States (US) over the last five years than outside the United States (XUS). While the US is typically lower for non-oncology the same cannot be said for XUS.

Over the past five years, the oncology median non-clinical site fee per subject has increased from \$5,000 to \$9,438 in the U.S. In contrast, in 58 countries outside the U.S., the median fee has varied from a low of \$2,372 in 2013 to a high of \$3,411 in 2015.

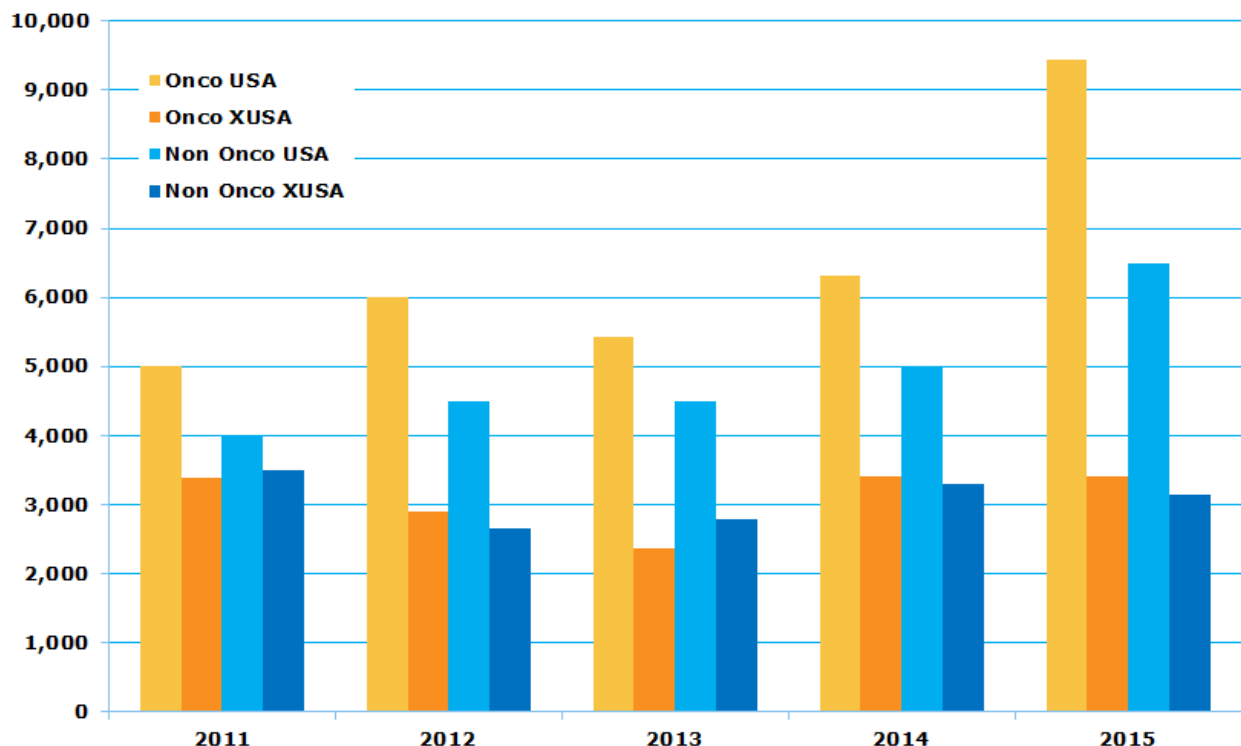
Over the past five years, the non-oncology median non-clinical site fee per subject has increased from \$4,000 to \$6,500 in the U.S. In 58 countries outside the U.S., the median fee has varied from a low of \$2,658 in 2012 to a high of 3,492 in \$2011.

Some of the differences are likely due to the distribution of countries conducting oncology vs. other clinical trials.

“Non-clinical site fees” include all charges, start-up, IRB, pharmacy, administrative and other fees, except charges for procedures and tests with CPT codes, or scale assessments.

Oncology vs. Non-Oncology Median Non-Clinical Site Fees

(Median averages in \$USD, 2011-2015, all therapeutic areas, all regions for international, industry-sponsored pharmaceutical, biotechnology, device and diagnostics studies, excluding charges for procedures and tests with CPT codes, or scale assessments)



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