

Characteristics and influencing factors of healthcare-seeking behavior :
Evidence from 3983 cancer survivors in Shanghai, China

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Introduction

The healthcare-seeking behavior of cancer survivors is complex, and the phenomenon of seeking medical treatment in multiple locations is particularly prominent.

Increased Medical Cost

Wastage of Healthcare Resources

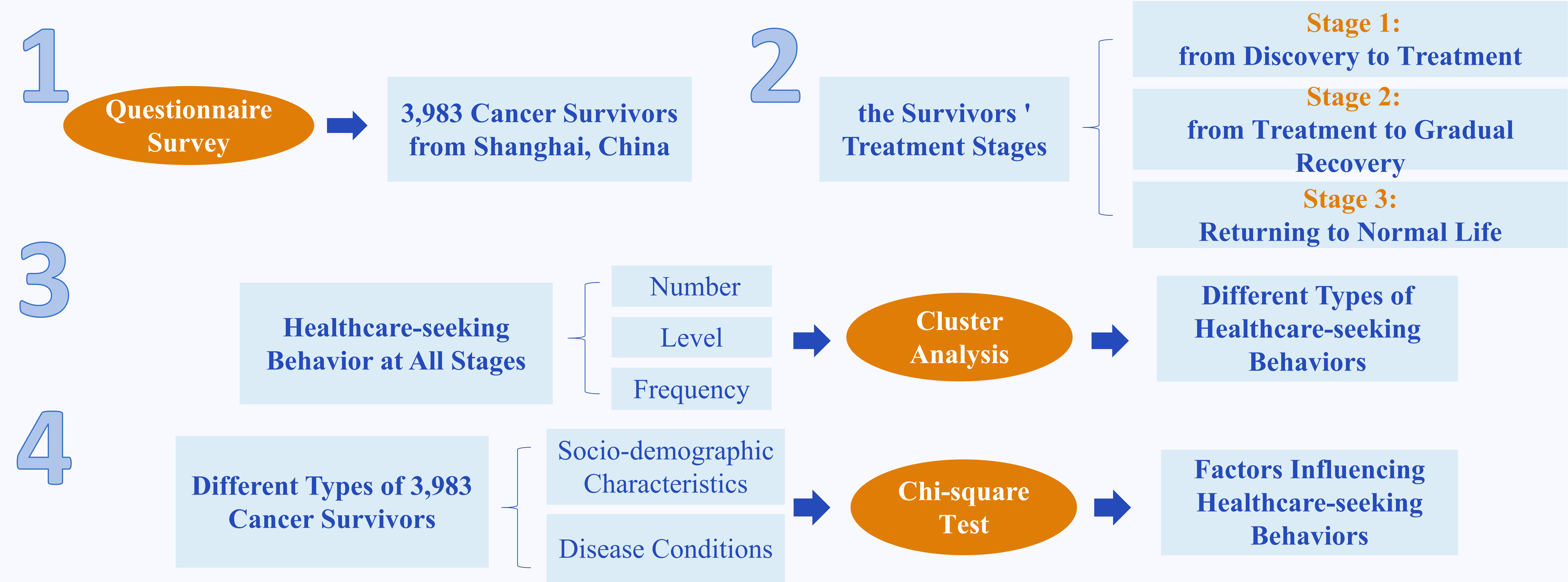
Affect Disease Progression

Aim

This study focuses on the healthcare-seeking behavior of cancer survivors.

Plays a pivotal role in promoting the improvement of healthcare service systems and enhancing the quality of medical services.

Methods



Results

The number of healthcare-seeking, the level of healthcare-seeking are higher in the first two stages.

the Number of Healthcare-seeking at All Stages

the Level of Healthcare-seeking at All Stages

the Frequency of Healthcare-seeking at All Stages

the proportion of survivors seeking healthcare every two weeks was highest at each treatment stage.

Factors Influencing Healthcare-seeking Behaviors

Socio-demographic Characteristics

Disease Conditions

Clustering Results for Healthcare-seeking Behavior

Survivors' healthcare-seeking behavior could be classified into three types.

There were differences among these types in terms of the number of healthcare visits, healthcare levels, and healthcare frequency.

Conclusions

- Under the demand for frequent healthcare visits, the accessibility and convenience of medical resources are crucial for the quality of survivors' healthcare.

To alleviate the phenomenon of seeking healthcare in multiple locations, it is necessary to guide survivors to choose healthcare institutions that meet their current needs based on their characteristics and disease stages.