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Availability and affordability of PET in Brazil: challenges and opportunities

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PET imaging is essential in nearly all aspects of high-quality cancer care. However, challenges to the delivery of PET radiopharmaceuticals in developing countries are manifold. Developing countries typically face shortages of imaging equipment and nuclear medicine physicians, and efforts to improve PET imaging are complicated by poor infrastructure, economic barriers, and other obstacles. In addition, financial issues are essential in the implementation and maintenance of producer centers, especially for developing countries. This talk is intended to raise awareness of some of these challenges by exploring the Brazilian example. The inequities in the availability and affordability of PET imaging facilities among different geographic regions will be discussed, as well as efforts and strategies to address these shortages.

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