



Special Track Session 8

Physics Committee and Oncology & Theranostics Committee

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Session Title

Debate: Health Economics in Nuclear Medicine

Moderators

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Anna Barnes (London, United Kingdom): Health Economics is essential for the sustainability of new Nuclear Medicine technologies.

Kristoff Muylle (Brussels, Belgium): Health Economics stifles innovation and the rapid introduction of new Nuclear Medicine services.

Educational Objectives

1. Learn the value of health economics in the introduction of new methods and technology.
2. Understand the challenges that health economics can make to innovation.
3. Know more about the work required on the introduction of new methods/technology.

Summary

Nuclear medicine is undergoing continual transformation and renewal with new methods, radiopharmaceuticals and technologies improving nuclear medicine services and patient outcomes. But in working environment with financial limitations, health economics is often touted as route to the sustainable improvement and development of our services. Some would argue however that health economics can stifle innovation and development. In this debate session, the pros and con's of health economics will be debated and discussed, with the final educational outcome for participants being the understanding of what it takes to introduce new technologies.

Key Words

Health Economics; Innovation; Development; New technology