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Abstract

The Chinese healthcare system and specifically, radiation oncology, has clearly improved during the past 30 years in terms of equipment and its utilization, although the shortage of facilities and workforce remain to be improved. These constitute the targets for a nationwide effort to improve the access to service by cancer patients, especially in the more remote and rural portions of the country. In this report, we will highlight the positive changes that have occurred during the time, as well as outline what is still needed for the future of this important cancer specialty in China.

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