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Highlights

- Immuno-oncology has become the fastest growing area in oncology
- In immune-oncology field there is a growing number of effective, but costly agents
- The entire Brazilian public health care system faces serious financial and organizational challenges
- In developing countries the overriding issue is the difficulty of assessing the true value of costly drugs
- We offer recommendations to health policy makers and stakeholders that may improve access and cost

Around the middle of the last century, a scientific understanding of the immune system began to develop. The ability to engineer antibodies and manipulate the molecules of the immune system led to an increasing understanding of how the immune system works [1]. This enabled the development of targeted therapeutic interventions and the rise of what today is termed immuno-oncology.

In recent years, immuno-oncology has become the fastest growing area in oncology and one of the most exciting areas of research and development in all of

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