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Neuroethics of medical imaging: Reflections and recommendations

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It is a fairly common opinion, in the public at large, but also among a majority of experts in some of the more technological fields of medicine that, like me, work in the government health system-especially those whose primary occupation consists in making a diagnosis through the use, visualization and elaboration, of acquired radiological images-that the development and application of new techniques of medical imaging, characterized by noninvasiveness, rapidity and sophistication, must always be favorably welcomed. In reality-and this is my personal, experience-based opinion-things are not as smooth and straightforward as they appear at first or are as they are presented in the press. In this abstract, I will try to make the point that, the application of technological tools to medical diagnosis, requires a coordinated and thoughtful evaluation of the same to avoid the perilous supremacy of high-tech, that is expensive, subject to overuse and unable, for most part, to meet the real patient's needs and expectations; to prevent medical professionals and medical personnel from becoming less humane; and to reduce unnecessary economic burden to governments and insurance companies.

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