Phased Implementation: A Novel Strategy for Applying Breast Cancer Guidelines in LMICs

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Resource-stratified guidelines provide a framework for implementing breast cancer early detection, diagnosis and treatment, but implementation strategies are needed to improve comprehensive breast health care, by providing a process framework allowing programs to be implemented systematically, reproducibly, and in context using individualized approaches that are practical and sustainable. The Breast Health Global Initiative (BHGI) has reported on pilot work in Tanzania and Peru and described ‘phased implementation’, an approach that provides a flexible stepwise approach for early breast cancer detection in the absence of mammographic screening. Parallel efforts in breast cancer treatment and are being explored. Global breast cancer outcomes can improve once successful breast health programs are integrated within broader women’s healthcare systems.

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