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"Radiotherapy treatment of cancer in developing countries"

Treating cancer is difficult in the best of circumstances. In developing countries, however, there's an added problem: little or no access to radiotherapy treatment that can save lives and relieve pain. As life expectancy in developing countries improves, the cancer treatment crisis is becoming more acute.

Can the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) help needy countries with equipment and trained personnel? How expensive is adequate radiotherapy technology? Is there a chance that radioactive material for medical use can be re-purposed by terrorists to make a 'dirty bomb'?

These are some of the issues discussed in this edition of World Chronicle with Dr. Bhadrasain Vikram, a radiation oncologist with the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna.

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