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The conference brought together radiologists across India and US, to discuss and share knowledge on the advances in Onco & Interventional Radiology in diagnosing & staging, which is playing a vital role in the precise diagnosis of cancer. In conference the topic of discussions were breast cancer diagnosis, role of nuclear medicine in cancer diagnosis, advancement in brain tumor diagnosing through molecules, molecular imaging, bio marker development and post treatment imaging of cancer and so on.

"With advancements in molecular imaging and nuclear medicine, there has been a revolutionary change in diagnosing cancer by non- invasive techniques. This has led to personalized treatment planning & patient care. India is emerging as one of the leaders in molecular imaging. This conference will immensely benefit the young radiologists and oncologists, in the diagnosis of cancer and delivering better medical outcomes" commented Dr KG Kallur, director, Imaging Services, HCG.

Furthermore, Dr Chaitanya Divgi, chief of Nuclear Medicine & Molecular Imaging and professor & research vice-chairman, Radiology, Columbia University, New York, opined "The development of molecular imaging allows novel methods for evaluating disease and selecting the most beneficial therapies, particularly in cancer and also in other diseases. The emergence of India as a leader in health care delivery and development will occur even more rapidly with conferences and continuing medical education programs like this."

In the conference benefits of molecular imaging was talked about. The benefits attributed were like gathering information that is inaccessible with other imaging technologies or that would require more invasive procedures such as biopsy or surgery, Helps in identification of the recurrence of the disease and many other benefits to add to this.