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MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY IN A DEVELOPING DEVELOPED WORLD, MEXICO CITY 2016

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Mexico continues to be classified as a developing country. As one of the most advanced developing countries, Mexico has an impressive number of technologically advanced hospitals. Unfortunately, access to medical technology is reserved for those who can pay for private hospital care, excluding much of the nation's population. The purpose of this study was to evaluate discrepancies in medical technology and to unearth barriers that prohibit individuals from receiving adequate medical care. We interviewed medical practitioners and patients within pediatric and neonatal treatment centers to compile varying perceptions on the available medical services. It was determined that although on paper all Mexican citizens have access to basic healthcare services, the level of treatment varies drastically because of the existence of private and publically funded institutions. This inconsistent level of care causes lifelong disabilities for infants who suffer from neurological injuries that require immediate medical attention.