Appropriate Use Guidelines in Echocardiography and Beyond

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The problems noted herein are real and important, but not restricted to echocardiography or even cardiology. Although we can note areas for improvement here, we must also congratulate the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association, because they have taken a leadership role in developing guidelines and appropriate use criteria. We look forward to seeing other professional societies join these efforts to improve the delivery of health care.

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