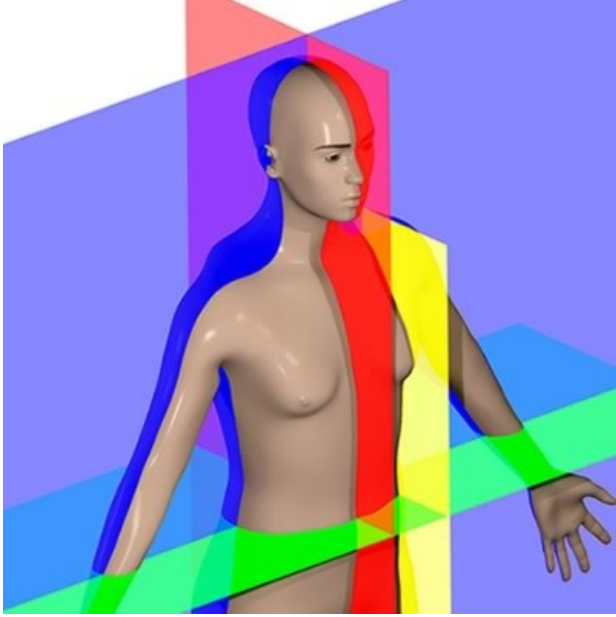


# Full Body PET Scans to Detect Cancer Better

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Using the best technology is extremely important in cancer. The introduction of new technologies can provide better diagnosis, treatment and overall results. That is why the a new PET scanner could be an important innovation. The new PET scanner can quickly scan the entire body, while using much less radioactive materials than a typical PET scan. Current PET scans can only survey a small area of the body and involve much more radiation exposure, which can be damaging to cancer patients, especially young people. The device is in the prototype stage, but working models should be produced by next year.

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