INTRODUCTION

Aiming at implementing a comprehensive quality accreditation program in Diagnostic Imaging across the Brazilian territory, the PADI (Programa de Acreditação e Diagnóstico por Imagem) was developed to ensure the quality and safety in the imaging procedures performed in Brazil. The program is managed by the Brazilian College of Radiology (CBR) and connects Diagnostic Imaging with a culture of continuous improvement, promoting the implementation of quality improvement processes and maintenance of excellence in this specific field.

METHODS

The PADI Program was developed through the successive phases in the period from 2011 to 2014, in which the following processes were carried out: development of the accreditation manual; organization of the national program; creation of a national committee; publication of the accreditation requirements; public consultation; approval and start of the PADI Program in 2013.

RESULTS

Since its start, the PADI Program has gone through four main stages, which are the following: 1) Accreditation of basic quality requirements (2013); 2) Accreditation of extended requirements (2014); 3) Specialization in subspecialties (2015); 4) Refinements, adjustments, and improvements (ongoing).

CONCLUSION

The Brazilian College of Radiology (CBR) has been working in the field of Accreditation for Diagnostic Imaging since 2011. The PADI Program, which started in 2013, has been promoting quality and safety in diagnostic imaging throughout Brazil, connecting it with the culture of continuous improvement and promoting the implementation of quality improvement processes. The program has been regularly improved through refinements, adjustments, and modifications, demonstrating the role of the healthcare provider in ensuring safety, quality, and efficiency in diagnostic imaging services.