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***Societal Preferences for EQ-5D Health States from a Brazilian Population Survey***  
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#### KEY POINTS:

- In Brazil, health technology assessment has been a concern since the 1980s. The government started introducing important initiatives in 2004, with the creation of the Department of Science and Technology (Departamento de Ciência e Tecnologia - DECIT).
- This study demonstrates the feasibility of conducting face-to-face interviews using a time trade-off in a Brazilian population setting.
- The estimated values for EQ-5D health states based on this Minas Gerais survey represent an important first step in establishing national Brazilian social preference weights for EQ-5D.

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For the first Latin America award, six papers were nominated. This year's award goes to the paper, ***Societal Preferences for EQ-5D Health States from a Brazilian Population Survey***, which was a large primary observational study valuing the EuroQol EQ-5D states in Brazil. The study was led by Mônica Viegas Andrade, PhD, from Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte.

This study represents one of the largest primary societal valuation studies, and the first one to be published in one of the main countries in the region (Brazil). It included a sample of 3,362 literate individuals living in urban areas, and directly elicited preference values from 99 of the 243 possible states defined by the EQ-5D-3L descriptive system. It is an important step, as from this point forward Brazilian studies can use local preferences in their economic evaluations.

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