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Agency: TEXAS HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

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Title: The need to preserve licensure of radiographers, radiation therapists, nuclear medicine technologists in TEXAS

Organization you are affiliated with: ARRT, ASRT; TX HEALTH DEPARTMENT

City: El Paso

State: Texas

Your Comments or Concerns:
To Whom It May Concern,

This is to inform you of a couple of situations, and implore you To PRESERVE R.T. Licensure Standards in Texas as it is a must! Let me explain in as little words as possible, yet providing you with the understanding from my personal experience.

I was working in a completely other field, prior to changing and pursuing one of my childhood dreams, when I choose the radiology field as my next profession/career.

I will start with my most recent experience and work backwards. I recently began working in an outpatient clinic and in which there was no Licensed Radiology Technologist, prior to my arrival. There was a couple of people who had their NCT. I hear of the stories from the workers in which they described, they had no idea, no training in HOW to work the equipment, understand what they were doing, nor did they understand the ramifications of what they were doing. The stories include from taking numerous exposures of the patients as they did not know how to position the patient in order to obtain a diagnostic image of the anatomy needed. Then they began to x-ray themselves, at times for the heck of it to see how they look, or to practice on each other, as they tried to teach themselves. The exposure factors were way beyond what was needed at times, over exposing themselves, not to mention patients.

THESE PATIENTS COULD HAVE BEEN YOU! YOUR PARENTS! YOUR CHILDREN! Imagine

that, your young children, who could have been exposed repeatedly, over exposed with radiation, when they are at the stage of growing, in which radiation could have an impact on their genetics, cancer.....etc,

My previous job, I was employed as a CT Tech. I conducted exams which consisted of injecting contrast into people's veins. My previous employer thought it would be great that I should start doing this exam WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF A RADIOLOGIST ON THE PREMISES, despite not knowing any medical history, and/or if the patient had a higher probability to have an allergic reaction to the contrast/iodine I would be injecting. It is because of my licensure, my extensive training/education and requirements, the rules and regulations, the ethics, in which I was taught and to hold in high regard and my number one priority in being the advocate for my patient and their safety, and provide them with the best possible care! They the patient put their trust in what i have been taught, trained, in doing what is right, the correct way, and not place them in harms way, that I STOOD BY and I BELIEVED IN, I was given the choice to administer the injection, knowing nothing about the patient medical history, knowing the doctor would not be present in the event the patient had an allergic reaction, or lose my job!

I CHOSE TO LOSE MY JOB! THEN TAKING THE CHANCE OF ENDANGERING MY PATIENT'S SAFETY! THAT PATIENT COULD HAVE BEEN YOU! YOUR PARENTS! YOUR CHILDREN! and had the reaction been so severe, that an immediate intervention by a doctor would be necessary to preserve their life!

Our licenses hold people to standards that are necessary, regulated, and morally and ethically the right thing to do!

Take a moment and just imagine, without any rules, regulations, properly educated, trained, WE WOULD ALL BE AT THE MERCY OF MY PREVIOUS SUPERVISOR and all who may be like him , WHOM HAD NO REGARD TO ANYONE'S SAFETY!

The bigger question is, ARE YOU OK WITH SUBJECTING YOUR FAMILY TO SOMEONE WHOM HAS NO REGARD TO THE WAY YOUR FAMILY WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF? SO if your answer is "NO!" then I implore you To PRESERVE R.T. Licensure Standards in Texas as it is a must! and I will not have lost my job in vain!

Thankyou!!!!

Your Proposed Solution:

I implore you To PRESERVE R.T. Licensure Standards in Texas as it is a must!

Please feel free to contact me at any time; 915 276-5560 if i can be of further assistance.

My Comments Will Not Be Made Public: I agree