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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: There is a recommendation under Issue 3 that refers to abolishing the LMRT certification. According to the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT), of which I am a member, as well as a member of the ARRT, the knowledge and cognitive skills, underlying the intelligent performance of radiographic exams must be equivalent to that of a general radiographer. LMRT's have no less than 1500, that's ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED hours of classroom and clinical training. 900 of these hours are in the classroom and include comprehensive instruction in anatomy and physiology, as well as radiobiology, CPR and patient care. They are also educated in proper positioning techniques which ensure that the basic radiographic principle of ALARA (As Low As Reasonably Achievable) are followed at all times, ensuring the safety of our patients while performing diagnostically optimal x-rays.

Without the training LMRT's receive the general patient population will be under or at worst mal-served at a time when medical care is otherwise chronically sub-standard. The idea of having anyone but a properly trained radiology staff member is the equivalent of taking a wounded soldier into the jungle to a tribal shaman to fix a gunshot to the abdomen, instead of taking him to a hospital which is mere minutes away so that you don't have to pay the surgeon.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: While all the above has been hopefully clearly stated, it should also be noted that the certification process would be better served if it were streamlined and more comprehensive.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree