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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: "I opposed the recommendation listed under Issue 3 to abolish the limited medical radiologic technologist certification. According to American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) limited x-ray machine operator's curriculum, "the knowledge and cognitive skills underlying the intelligent performance must be equivalent to that of the general radiographer."

LMRT's have didactic and clinical training equivalent to a minimum of 1500 hours. LMRT programs also include 600 of clinical hours in the field with direct patient care. It is impossible for NCT's to have the level of training in 120 hours to provide a high level of quality care as it relates to accurate patient radiographic positioning, radiation safety, and patient protection. In addition, without a clinical training requirement or competency assessment, there are no quality controls in place to evaluate the level of clinical competency and provides a lower level of care which can compromise the overall safety of the patient. Every patient deserves to have the most qualified and trained radiographers performing diagnostic radiographic examinations."

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend a change in the way the LMRT exam is graded. Instead of allowing LMRTs to take an exam for each modality, implement a pass or fail exam, similar to the MRT exam.

This will eliminate the issue of LMRTs who have specialty certificates. This would also eliminate the problems, that are caused by the limited procedures an LMRT certificate holder can legally perform. In addition to, simplifying the detection process for the regulators' and enhance their proficiency to enforce action on violations.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree