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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

Regarding the proposal to eliminate the position of Limited Medical Radiologic Technologist, words cannot express the danger of this move. LMRT are a skilled link in the healthcare chain and a vital part of the care that is given to patients. Administering radiation to the general public requires knowledge that even physicians do not possess. LMRT are skilled in radiologic positions and anatomy, patient care and most importantly, radiation protection. NCT have the minimum training in these areas and they must be supervised to carry out the simplest of examinations.

How is this a cost savings? Administering radiation to the public is the same as administering a drug or narcotic, but with potentially much more far reaching results. Radiation has latent effects that may manifest themselves in future generations. Is this what the great state of Texas wants to be known for? We have the best health care facilities in the world right here in our state, how can we support them with NCT's.

I do not want our state to be in the news where an NCT over-radiated a patient with catastrophic results. Everyone gasps when those stories appear and ask "How can this happen?" Lack of training is the answer to that question. The safety of the public is the mission of anyone that is in medical services at any level and to eliminate LMRT status to a lower qualified level is not safeguarding the public, but is endangering it.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Streamline the registering process so that it is less cumbersome. Background and fingerprinting is now required for the safety of the public. This is a good thing but the basic right of the public to knowledgeable technologists is being ignored. Eliminate the NCT status to save costs

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree