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- I am a registered nurse, radiological technologist and ex Navy corpsman (medic). In the Navy I taught pre trauma life support. Including how to tube people to breath for them. I currently work in a heart cath lab. If I have a patient not breathing well, I can for another trained professional –respiratory therapy. The radiological technologist I work with help to ensure that everyone is properly protected from the radiation that is produced during our emergency procedures. The Dr is too busy trying to open up the patients clogged arteries. (saving the heart muscle during the heart attack by restoring the flow). The Dr trust the PROPERLY TRAINED/LICENSED STAFF to the job that we have gone thru at LEAST 2 YEARS OF COLLEGE TRAINING to help the patient during the emergency heart attack. During an open heart surgery, yes there is an anesthesiologist, registered nurse and a MD in the room. The heart DR literally has the patient’s heart in their hands. They rely on the per fusionist to professionally run the heart lung bypass machine. These are jobs that CANNOT BE DONE BY JOE BURGER FLIPPER OR JOE METH HEAD WITH A COUPLE HOURS/DAYS/WEEKS TRAINING TO DO. Do you want someone that was parking cars or serving your fries at the fast food restaurant a couple of weeks ago with minimal training taking care of YOU or YOUR FAMILY.
- In small rural communities, the x-rays are done and sent via computer to a radiologist possibly HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY TO BE READ. The doctors in small communities are NOT TRAINED to read the x-rays. They rely on the PROPERLY TRAINED AND LICENSED RADIOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGIST. TO DO THE proper exam WITHOUT subjecting the patient to UNNEEDED Radiation.
- 95-99% of x-ray exams are done WITHOUT A DR PRESENT.
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- Licensure for radiological technologists ensures that patients are being treated by individuals who have met education and certification standards.
- Licensed radiological technologists lower patient exposure to ionizing radiation, a known carcinogen, by optimizing technique for medical imaging and treating cancers and other illnesses. Unlicensed personnel do not understand how to minimize exposure while achieving quality images or effective treatments.
- Licensure for radiological technologists preserves the state's right to penalize individuals who may not treat patients according to professional standards or administer radiation correctly. Without licensure, the state cannot protect its citizens from untrained individuals.

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