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Changing job composition for New York radiologic technology graduates due to growth of outpatient and urgent care centers and reduction in academic and complex hospital-based jobs

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This work interviewed randomly selected Radiologic Technology (RT) graduates from New York to explore their job search experience. Approximately 1/3 found hospital based and the rest found outpatient or traveling technologist jobs as their first job. Currently, among 197,000 RT jobs nationally New York metropolis holds 14,000 positions with annual projected growth rate 2.4% or 400 RT's annually for next 3 years while nationally projected annual RT job growth is 1%. In spite of higher growth rate at present, busy areas like New York city nationally afford only 1.5 RT's/1000 jobs while rural areas offer 2-2.5 RT jobs/1000 jobs. In busy metropolises in USA, many facilities are expanding such as urgent cares and out-patient. There is a strong trend of a higher proportion of demand in outpatient diagnostic clinics and urgent care centers compared to hospital based RT jobs. Non-hospital based jobs often require multiple tasks including scheduling, billing, customer service, marketing etc. in addition to administering the diagnostic tests. However, without acute care and academic radiology experience, a large fraction of radiologic technology graduates today may lose their skill set and grow into a relatively unsophisticated radiology worker schedule with no ICU, psychiatry or tertiary radiologic responsibilities and miss out on cutting-edge diagnostic technology or radiology research.

Biography

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