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Comments

The entire B reading program has been perverted by deliberate grossly incorrect readings, especially in the medical-legal arena. This has been predominantly with the plaintiff's side, but also from time to time on the defense side. The bandaid proposed changes will have no effect in this area, because of the great financial and political pressures to continue to provide purposely false readings.

The only solution that has any chance of success is a program with life and death teeth to curb this longstanding and current abuse of the system. There needs to be panel(s) to whom an aggrieved party can appeal to review specific x-rays, that have been submitted in a medical-legal process. This would allow for an accurate reading of the x-ray that would trump the original reading and for penalties up to and including loss of B reading certification for repeat offenders.

The status quo has made the current B reading situation a national joke with attorneys for both sides hiring B readers that they know will read the films to their advantage no matter what the x-ray actually shows.