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## General Comment

Please consider the impact of eliminating these devices without regard to the efficacy and reliability of replacement equipment. For example, x-ray devices have so far proven to be vastly more expensive (including maintenance costs) and less reliable than their irradiation source counterparts. Many organizations have resorted to purchasing two x-ray devices to account for the significant downtime associated with their unreliability.

Blood Centers have spent tens-of thousands of dollars to secure their blood irradiators in compliance with Homeland Security regulations.

Can we think about eliminating any "future" devices rather than take away the ones we currently use?

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