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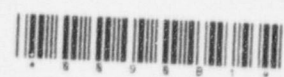
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I don't know of ANY hospital in which only 1 department uses radiation or radioactive materials. In our institution, if we did not have a federally-mandated RSC, there would be NO communication between departments regarding radiation safety issues and equipment performance issues. As it is, it is difficult to get across the importance of membership and representation in the RSC to OR and ICU nursing administration, and this is where most of the problems with staff may occur.

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And don't think that this is only an x-ray issue. We are now using radioactive material for location of radioactive cancer sites in surgery. Hearing the radiation detector go off in the OR has caused a host of questions and fears to be aired by OR nurses.



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