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Comments

I am a pulmonologist, not a radiologies. I do read digital chest x rays and CT scans. I am a B reader. My concern with digital images is that they can be manipulated to the point that the same x ray will look either positive or negative to different readers. In my opinion, the digital image setting should be locked so that it appears the same to any reader. Once the reader can manipulate it, it will have most any desired appearance. The program is adversarial enough as it is without adding one more variable.