

RISKS AND BENEFITS FROM EXPOSURE TO IONISING RADIATION

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CONCLUSIONS

- Medical uses and other properly controlled uses of radiation are of enormous benefit to society
- The biological effects of uncontrolled exposures to radiation range from being extremely harmful at high doses to harmless and even beneficial to health at low doses or low dose rates
- The mental health effects of uncontrolled exposures are generally adverse
- Exaggerated beliefs in the harmful effects of low level radiation are not in society's best interests