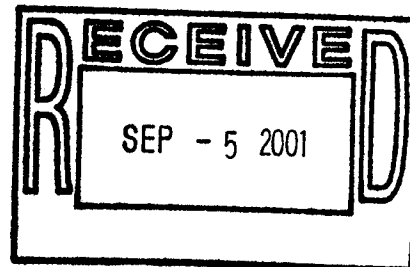


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Sent: Thursday, September 6, 2001 9:02 AM
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From: Lynn H. Ehrle
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Dear Dr. Jameson:

There is no other element that is both measurable and proven at low dose than exposure from medical x-rays, CT scans, and fluoroscopy. Low-dose ionizing radiation is our #1 biohazard and deserves priority attention. There is a critical need to reduce exposures from medical x-rays, as noted in three articles on pediatric CTs in the Feb. issue of the Amer. Journal of Roentgenology. When Dr. John W. Gofman published his fifth book on x-ray hazards, I reviewed it for the journal HEALTH AFFAIRS(Mar/Apr 2000). Unfortunately, the issue is highly politicized, as attested by the fact that the NCI continues to deny low-dose effects, even in opposition to its own study on scoliosis x-rays published in the Aug. 2000 issue of SPINE, which is a low dose study!

The evidence is clear, dating back to Alice Stewart's in utero studies in 1956 and 1958, but it took doctors 25 years before x-rays of the fetus were discontinued. Your prompt attention to this issue is long overdue!

In health,

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