Thyroid

Ultrasound Examination Thyroid Ultrasound Examination: Outline of the Evaluations of the Results of the Preliminary Baseline Survey through to the Third Fullscale Survey (Fourth-round Survey)

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- As a result of the analysis by the method of a cross-sectional survey using the estimated absorbed thyroid doses published in the report by UNSCEAR, no constant correlation, such as an increase in detection rates of participants whose tumors were diagnosed as malignant or suspicious for malignancy associated with an increase in exposure doses (correlation between doses and effects), was found in any of the surveys.
- As a result of the analysis through case-control study regarding correlation between individual's estimated exposure dose and a diagnosis as being malignant or suspicious for malignancy, regarding thyroid cancer cases detected in the Preliminary Baseline Survey through to the third Full-scale Survey and thyroid cancer cases registered only in the cancer registry up to 2018, no constant correlation, such as an increase in detection rates associated with an increase in radiation exposure doses (correlation between doses and effects), was found.

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- As a result of the analysis by the method of a cross-sectional survey using the estimated absorbed doses to the thyroid published in the report of the UNSCEAR, no constant correlation, such as an increase in detection rates of participants whose tumors were diagnosed as malignant or suspicious for malignancy associated with an increase in exposure doses (correlation between doses and effects), was found in any of the surveys.
- As a result of the analysis through case-control study regarding correlation between individual's estimated exposure dose and a diagnosis as being malignant or suspicious for malignancy, regarding thyroid cancer cases detected in the Preliminary Baseline Survey through to the third Full-scale Survey and thyroid cancer cases registered only in the cancer registry up to 2018, no constant correlation, such as an increase in detection rates associated with an increase in radiation exposure doses (correlation between doses and effects), was found.

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