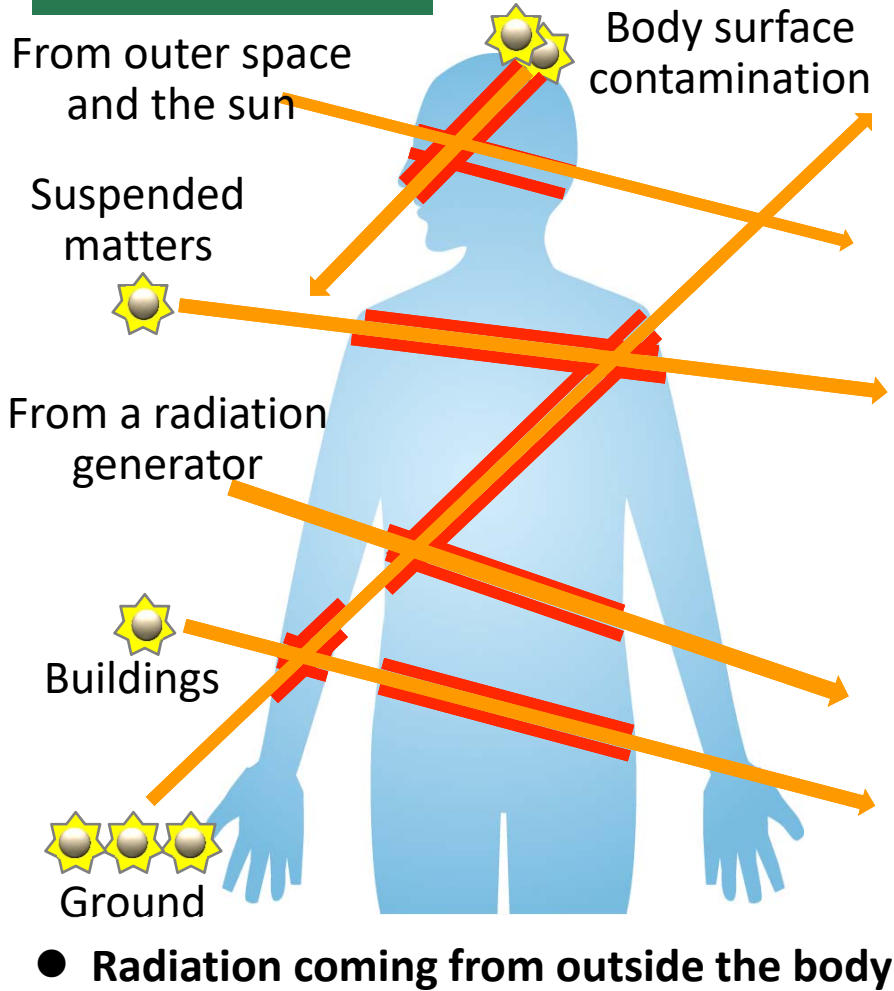
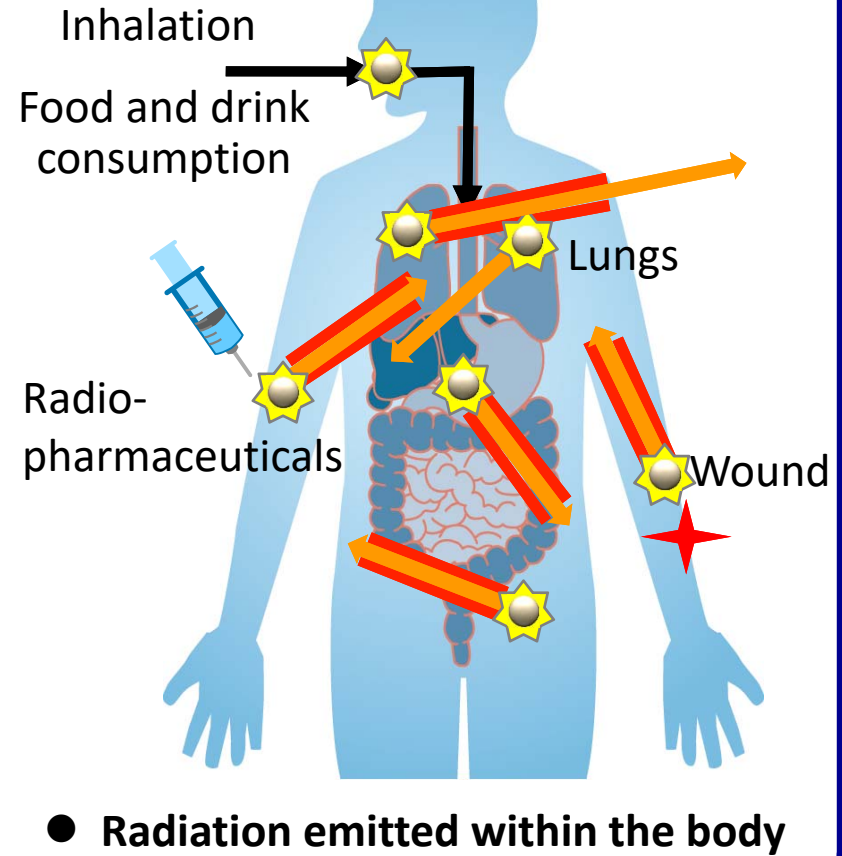


# Internal and External Exposure

## External exposure



## Internal exposure



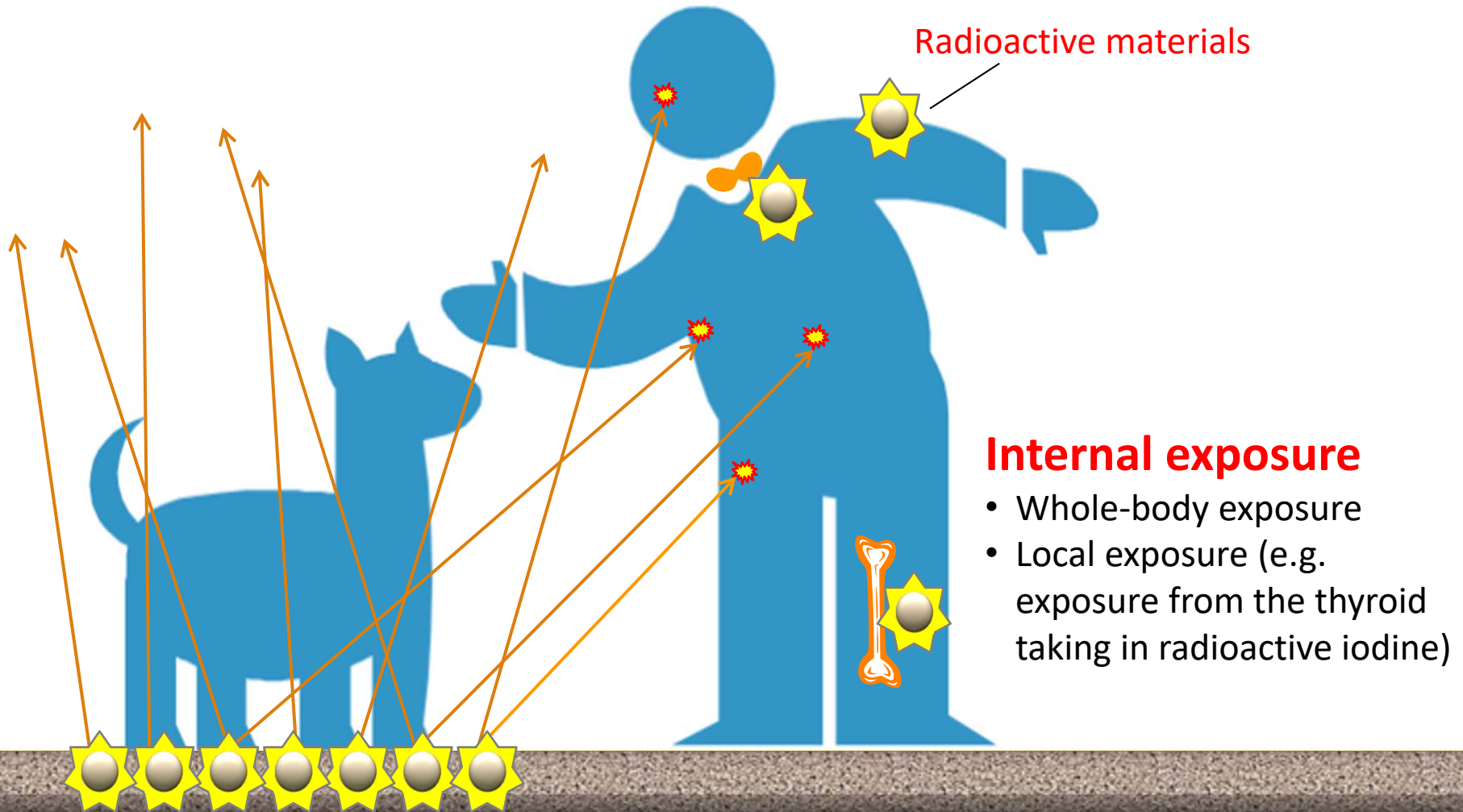
The body is equally exposed to radiation in both cases.

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# Various Forms of Exposure

## External exposure

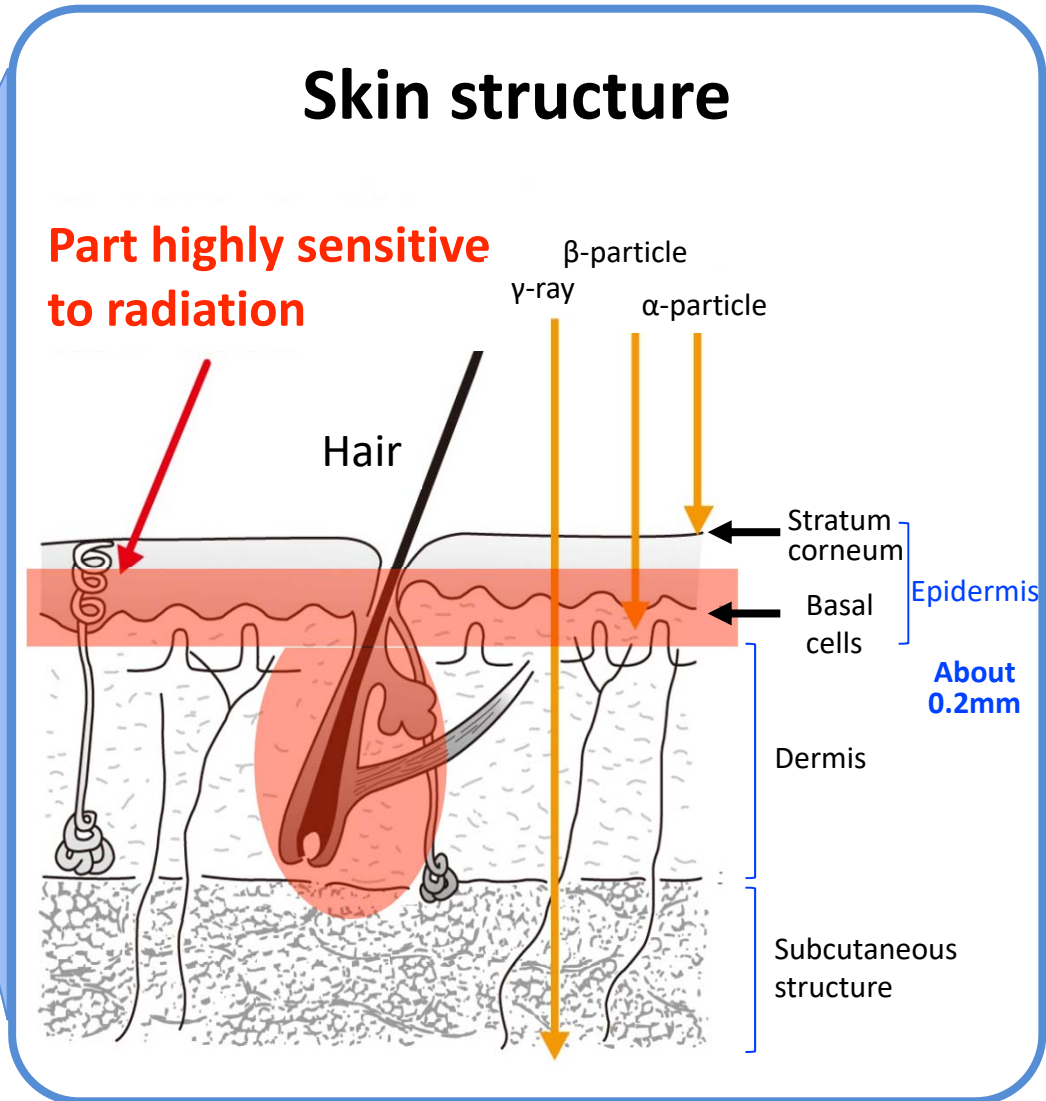
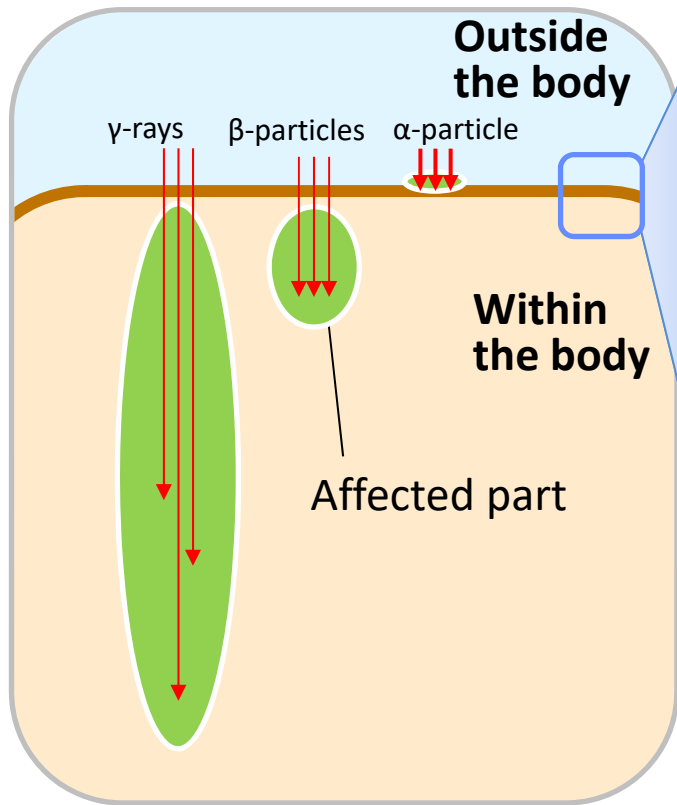
- Whole-body exposure
- Local exposure (e.g. exposure by X-ray examination or local body surface contamination)



## Internal exposure

- Whole-body exposure
- Local exposure (e.g. exposure from the thyroid taking in radioactive iodine)

# External Exposure and Skin



# Internal Exposure

## (i) Ingestion

From the mouth (swallowing)  
Absorption through the digestive tract

## (ii) Inhalation

Incorporation from the respiratory airways  
Absorption from the lungs and the surface of the airways

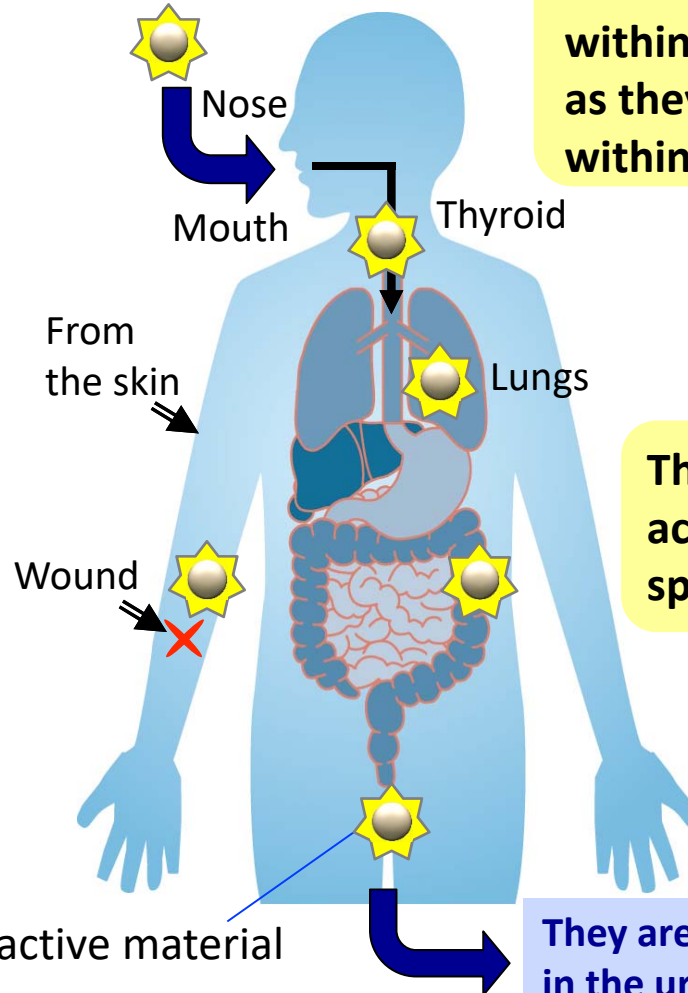
## (iii) Percutaneous absorption

Absorption from the skin

## (iv) Wound contamination

Contamination from a wound

Inhalation or ingestion



**Radioactive materials within the body decay as they emit radiation within the body.**

**They may accumulate in some specific organs.**

**They are gradually excreted in the urine and feces.**

## The characteristics of radioactive materials that especially cause problems in internal exposure

- (i)  $\alpha$ -emitters  $>$   $\beta$ -emitters or  $\gamma$ -emitters
- (ii) Materials that enter easily but are difficult to excrete
- (iii) Materials that are likely to accumulate in specific organs

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