

These figures show excess relative risks of developing cancer (values indicating how cancer risks have increased among a group of people exposed to radiation compared with a group of non-exposed people) by age for each type of cancer, using the results of the surveys targeting atomic bomb survivors. For example, the excess relative risk of developing solid cancer as a whole for the age group of 0 to 9 years old is approx. 0.7, which means that the excess relative risk increases by 0.7 among a group of people exposed to 1 Gy compared with a group of non-exposed people. In other words, supposing the risk for a group of non-exposed people is 1, the risk for a group of people aged 0 to 9 who were exposed to 1 Gy increases by 1.7 times. The excess relative risk of developing solid cancer as a whole for people aged 20 or older is approx. 0.4 and the risk for a group of people exposed to 1 Gy will be 1.4 times larger than the risk for a group of non-exposed people.

As shown in the figures above, risks differ by age at the time of radiation exposure and type of cancer.

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