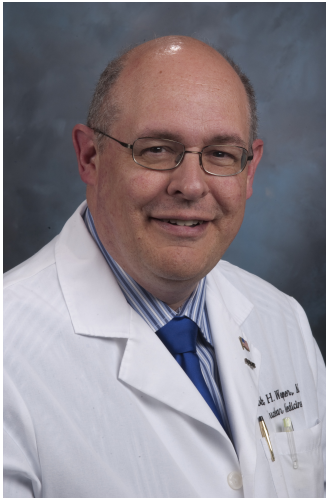




Radiation Hormesis – Are There Beneficial Effects to Low Doses of Radiation?



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BIO

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OBJECTIVES

- 1.) Introduce the concept of hormesis as applied to a variety of harmful agents.
- 2.) Understand how the dose response curves apply to sub-harmful situations.
- 3.) Review possible mechanisms of hormesis.

ABSTRACT

Hormesis is a controversial concept that postulates positive simulation by sub-harmful quantities of any agent to any system. While large doses of radiation clearly cause damage, early studies occasionally found confusing results when exploring lower doses of exposure. Furthermore, these confusing effects can also be seen using a variety of chemical and physical stimuli. By exploring dose response curves and a variety of situations, the question of beneficial effects of radiation will be introduced. We will explore possible mechanisms of hormesis and why this is so difficult to prove and accept as an idea. If hormesis does exist and if it applies to radiation, it may have wide ranging implications for regulations and public health.

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