



Thyroid Carcinoma and Radiation some Difficult Problems in Screening Programs

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Thus the data show a relationship between radiation and the development of thyroid carcinoma and imply that seeking and removing such tumors would be beneficial. As in most situations, however, this simple relationship is clouded by a variety of associated problems, which must be carefully considered.

The surgical procedure recommended for removal of a nodule in an irradiated gland was a total lobectomy on the contralateral side. If the contralateral side by a surgeon with a special interest in the field was found abnormal on inspection during the surgery, a near total thyroidectomy was indicated.

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