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To phone can be harmful to health!



After Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden and Great Britain, France corroborates to cancer risk for big mobile phone users. A general tendency impossible to conceal.

Officially, sanitary authorities don't stop repeating: 'mobile phone use doesn't lead to an increased risk of developing a brain or acoustic tumour.

Some partial results from Interphone study diverge however from this reassuring viewpoint, emphasizing the increased risk of acoustic neurinome or glioma after 10 years of use and/or by big users of mobile phone. The French study to be published in September 2007 in Epidemiologic and Public Health Journal, confirms this between two.

Increased risk for big users

"Although these results are not statistically significant there is a general tendency to an increased risk of glioma for the biggest users: long term users, big consumers, those with study authors. Among them, Elisabeth Cardis from OMS International Research Cancer Center (CIRC) and Marine Hours INRET epidemiologist and chairwoman of Scientific Committee of Radiofrequency Health Foundation.

In concrete terms, those who have and/or use more than one mobile have twice more risk to develop a glioma The same for those who have a subscription for more than 4 years. Those who spend more time with more than 260 hours or whom talks extended for a long time (more than 5 minutes) have also a glioma risk increased by 80 %. Those who have had the biggest number of calls (over 5 000) also show an increased risk of 50 %. Whatever the criteria The big users have always the highest risk.

Heavy tendency or short tendency?

The 800 people study led between Lyon and Paris with 350 males or females aged between 30 and 59 years old when one have discovered their brain tumour between February 2001 and August 2003 gives an other indication. More to worry about ... According to these figures brain tumours linked to mobile phone usage could develop much more quickly than expected. The combined data from 5 countries: Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Great Britain among the 13 concerned by Interphone study have shown a latent time of 10 years before glioma or acoustic neurinome appear. Even if some works are suggesting a shorter time period.

The French study, with a tendency of increased risk for more than 4 years of mobile phone use and only 4 users with more than 10 years of age among 350 patients, corroborates this 'short time' hypothesis. The Interphone France authors being cautious conclude: "Our results suggesting a possible increased risk for the biggest users must still be verified in the International Interphone Study analysis".

Results expected since 2003.