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## An appeal of 20 scientists against the dangers of the portable

In the "Sunday newspaper", international experts are alarmed in particular at the risks for children less than twelve years of age. Ludovic Blecher.

Twenty international scientists issued an appeal in the "Sunday newspaper" against the dangers posed by the cell phones, in particular for children less than twelve years of age.

This warning, coordinated by David Servan-Schreiber, professor of psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh and well-known for his book "To cure" (2003), enumerates ten principal recommendations.

According to the signatories, one should only allow children less than 12 years of age to use a cellphone in the event of an emergency, and even then it is necessary to keep the telephone more than one meter away from the body at the time of the call by using the loudspeaker mode or a handsfree kit or an auricle. Moreover, one should avoid as much as possible the carrying of a mobile phone on one's body, even in day before.



It is also recommended that one should preferentially communicate by SMS since this would limit the exposure time and proximity with the device.

According to the JDD, "the scientists agree on two things: there is no formal evidence of the harmfulness of the cell phone, but a risk exists in that it supports the appearance of cancers in the event of long-term exposure". "We are today in the same situation we were fifty years ago with asbestos and the tobacco. Either nothing is done, and one accepts a risk; or one admits that there is a beam of worrying scientific arguments", explains Thierry Bouillet, cancer specialist at the hospital Avicenne de Bobigny and signatory of the appeal.

Among other principal signatories are Dr. Bernard Asselain, chief of the service the biostatistiques ones of cancer at the Institute Curie, Pr Free Berrino, director of the department of preventive medicine and predictive of the National institute of the cancer of Milan, Dr. Thierry Bouillet, cancer specialist and director of the Institute of radiotherapy of the Avicenne hospital to Bobigny, Jacques Marilleau, engineer, former physicist in the Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique and CNRS with Orsay, or Joel de Rosnay, science doctor.

