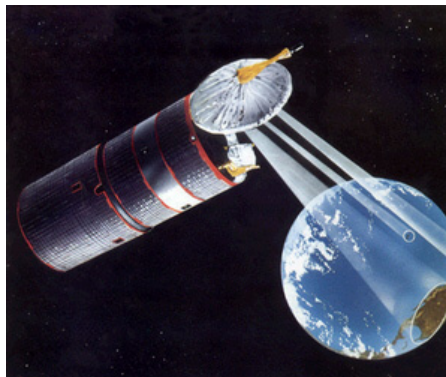


Press Clippings

Selected articles from the national press about the dangers of mobile phone radiation



About the Centre for Implosion Research

The Centre for Implosion Research was founded in December 1997 by Dolly Knight, MBBS, GCHM and Jonathan Stromberg, BSc, MSc, DIC, FGS.

The Centre's mission is to realise Viktor Schauberg's goals by developing a type of technology that is antithetical to the conventional polluting and exploitative technologies, in that it is pollution free and works in harmony with Nature.

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Charms Can Calm But Don't Risk Those Rays

The Daily Telegraph - 23 August 2000

Barbara Rowlands investigates the power of pendants to protect people against electromagnetic radiation.

NOT so long ago, we wore charms to ward off evil spirits. Now an increasing number of people are putting their faith in pendants to protect them from harmful electromagnetic radiation emitted by mobile phones and computers.

Madonna has one, as has Anthea Turner. Cherie Blair occasionally wears one and so does former rugby international Jeremy Guscott. Several professional golfers, tennis players and at least one famous racing driver have them and swear by them. But do they do any good, or is pendant power just a gimmick to con cash out of people with more money than sense?

Electromagnetic fields (EMFs) are emitted by any electronic gadget, as well as power lines and mobile phones, and are believed to cause a range of ailments from headaches, insomnia and fatigue to brain cancer, leukaemia and a damaged immune system.

There have been innumerable studies by organisations, such as the World Health Organisation, the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Radiological Protection Board, to test the impact of EMFs on cells, animals, and occasionally people. Many of them are contradictory, but there is mounting evidence that EMFs may damage white blood cells.

Even the Stewart Group, the independent expert group that investigated the hazards of mobile phones, concluded that they could cause "subtle biological effects" and suggested that children should be dissuaded from using them too much.

What better way of protecting yourself than to wear a pendant that somehow shields you against these malignant microwaves? Roger Coghill, a research biologist and director of Coghill Research Laboratories in Pontypool, south Wales, who has studied the effects of EMFs on humans, animals and plants for 20 years, estimates there are 54 devices, including pendants, available in Britain (most available over the internet) that claim to protect the user against harmful rays.

He is testing all these devices to see if they work. For each product, he isolates some white blood cells and exposes the cells to a mobile phone. He then places the product between the cells and the phone. "We wanted to see if there was any explanation for their mechanisms in terms of normal sciences. Usually there is some damage to the cells when they are exposed



to a mobile phone. But if the device does what it claims, the cells shouldn't be damaged.

"We've done that for a dozen different products so far and some of the cells were definitely more viable. But on the whole we found there wasn't much evidence that these devices do any good. I don't think any of them are worth having compared with making short phone calls. The best protection is not to make long calls."

One pendant given Mr Coghill's stamp of approval, however, is the Personal Harmoniser, at £14, the cheapest on the market. It looks like a double-spiralled copper coil and its manufacturer, the Plymouth-based Centre for Implosion Research, claims that when placed on the affected parts of the body (it doesn't have to be worn around the neck) it relieves pain and stimulates healing. The company also claims it reduces the effects of EMFs. (...)

The Express

Mobile phones can cause severe damage to the human immune system, according to new scientific findings.

Biologist Roger Coghill, who has been leading a campaign to alert the public to what he says are the great dangers posed by mobiles, will unveil his findings at an international conference in London today.

His study involved taking white blood cells, or lymphocytes, from a donor and exposing them to different electric fields. It was found that only a third of cells exposed to microwaves from a mobile on stand by mode were still able to function after three hours.

Mr. Coghill claims that the immune system is partially controlled by electromagnetic field emitted by the body. He says that mobile phones produce microwave radiation, which interfere with these fields, undermining the immune systems ability to function.

"I believe, this is a major breakthrough" he says. We have always known the body gives out electric fields but we didn't know why. My work suggests that body fields are linked with the health of ourselves and our ability to protect ourselves from illness.

Digital mobile phones emit frequencies close to those produced by the body, so placing a hand set against our head disturbs those natural signals. Tests on the viability of white blood cells 27 hours after being removed from the donor proved even more dramatic. 50% of those left UN-exposed to electric fields, were still viable, compared with 13% for those exposed to fields from a mobile phones.

Mr. Coghill, is one of a growing number of scientists who have suggested microwaves from the newer digital handsets could cause headaches, anxiety, memory loss, brain tumors and cancers.

Daily Mail

Disturbing new research suggests that mobile phones can cause short-term memory loss and sudden confusion. British military scientists have discovered that signals disrupt parts of the brain in charge of memory and learning. Their findings put yet another question mark on the safety of the phones, currently used by nine million people in Britain.

Last month alone, two separate studies found they could cause a rise in blood pressure and may harm pregnant women. The phones have also been linked to brain tumors, cancer, headaches and tiredness.

The Express

Swedish cancer specialist Dr Lennart Hardell found the risk of getting brain tumours was two and a half times higher for people using mobile phones.

London Observer

Concern about the safety of mobile phones has prompted a leading Lloyd's underwriter to refuse to insure phone manufacturers against the risk of damage to users' health.

The London market provides insurance for everything from aircraft to footballers' legs. But fears that mobile phones will be linked to illnesses such as cancer and Alzheimer's disease have prompted John Fenn, of underwriting group Stirling, to refuse to cover manufacturers against the risk of being sued if mobiles turn out to cause long-term damage.

New research published last week by Bristol University scientist Dr Alan Preece showed a 'highly significant' effect from mobile phone signals on brain function.

Sunday Times

Earlier this year, a study of 11,000 mobile phone users carried out by Dr Kjell-Hansson Mild, at the National Institute of Working Life in Umea, Sweden, suggested an increase in fatigue, headaches and skin irritation for regular users.

