

Table 3 Parents' beliefs about the causes of cancer and risk of radiation

Variable	Fathers (n = 379)	Mothers (n = 391)	Total (n = 770)
	%	%	%
<i>Main cause of cancer</i>			
Hereditary	50.9	51.9	46.8
Infectious	44.8	42.9	48.4
Viral	4.2	5.1	4.6
<i>Main risk to health from radiation</i>			
Dental X-ray	1.0	1.5	1.3
Chest X-ray	7.8	8.8	8.3
Cosmic radiation and radon	11.8	13.1	12.4
Nuclear accidents	28.5	31.8	30.0
Nuclear tests	38.2	29.2	33.9
All of the above	12.8	15.6	14.1