

Children studied for signs of mobile phone harm

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A pioneering Australian study will try to determine whether electromagnetic radiation from mobile phones can be harmful to children. The three-year study, starting this week, will measure the effects on 300 Melbourne children, aged 12 and 13. The Australian Centre for Radiofrequency Bioeffects Research will monitor their hearing, memory, sleep, concentration and blood pressure at regular intervals. Children are thought to be at greater risk than adults to mobile phone radiation as their nervous systems are still developing and they absorb more energy through their heads.

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