There is no doubt that nuclear power is here to stay, but what are the real health effects associated with a nuclear power plant accident? How much of what we see in the media is influenced by science and how much is driven by an unfounded fear of radiation?

It has been 25 years since the Chernobyl power plant accident in 1986 exposed large areas of present day Belarus, Ukraine and Russia to radioactive fallout. What have been the real health consequences of that accident for the people living in that area?

Gerry Thomas has been involved in sorting fact from fiction since 1992. The most important consequence has been the increase in thyroid cancer in those who were young at exposure. This presentation will use the benefit of 25 years hindsight to put the health effects of this accident into proper perspective, and explain how the lessons learned helped the Japanese government to take the right decisions to protect the population living in the area around Fukushima from the effects of radiation.

13th July 2011 at 1 pm.
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