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General Comment

At the time I was diagnosed with thyroid cancer and needed a very high dose of RAI, I was quarantined in the hospital for a week then I was told it was safe to go home to my young children ages 1 and 3 at the time. However, the doctors were wrong. The physicist that gave me the RAI Dosage, told me if she had children, she would not return home for at least 30 days due to the the radioactive iodines half life. By 30 days, the levels I will be emitting will be a safe amount to be in the same room with another person. She also reiterated that i shouldn't give hugs to my children for another 3-4 months. Can you imagine? I stayed at my parents home after treatment and then stayed at the American cancer society hope lodge. I would have liked to go to a facility that I know won't have any children which I can contaminate or hurt. All this knowledge was given to me not by my doctors but by physicists who are the experts.

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