

The lack of scientific merit did not mean that the studies were valueless in promoting the idea that chrysotile was innocuous. As Dr. Anthony Lanza, medical director of Met Life and QAMA consultant noted in 1937, "Of course, the asbestos people in Canada have advanced that idea for some time as an explanation of why asbestos seems to be more clinically severe in England than in this country but *I have always had the feeling that their argument was motivated by self-interest rather than to make a scientific contribution.*" [Emphasis added] (Lanza 1937) Indeed the QAMA-McGill researchers have successfully used this data to maintain chrysotile sales, avoid payments of liability claims to workers and influence regulatory standards.