common in the United States, you probably still could find some amosite in the lung because that is not cleared as rapidly.

But if you had another situation which an individual had a daily job which they were exposed to asbestos dust on a daily basis, even though there wouldn't be clearance of that dust, if they continued to be exposed, the body would never have the ability to totally remove all of that dust, and you would always find some in the lung tissue.

Q Doctor, do you have an opinion as to whether there is a safe level of exposure to asbestos below which mesotheliomas won't occur?

A That is a difficult question, but I would say in general, no. But I would also make this proviso, and that would be, that if you look at lung tissue from most people, especially men, most men would have some asbestos in their lungs.

What we find in Kitsap County in the State of Washington, men would have up to 20 asbestos bodies per gram of wet lung tissue.