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Doctors Connect Asbestos to Ovarian Cancer Rise

SAN DIEGO (UAP) — Asbestos, one of the most common materials in modern industrial civilization—was indicted Wednesday as a possible culprit in the dramatic increase of ovarian cancer during the past 100 years.

Suspected since 1901 of being

linked to the rise of lung cancer, its application in cancer of the ovaries, however, is relatively new.

Doctors attending an annual meeting here were told that asbestos, which is used for filtering, insulating material used for heating ducts and wiring, plastic floor tile and many other common uses.

It is ubiquitous in our environment," said Dr. John B. Graham of the Dr. Vell Park Memorial Institute, State University of New York at Buffalo. "And it is virtually indestructible."

During a speech, Dr. Graham noted the serious and growing problem of cancer of the ovaries by pointing out that it now ranks third in cancer deaths among women.

Even more remarkable, he added, is the fact that it has quadrupled in the United States and Western Europe since 1960.

He pointed the accusing finger at asbestos although he said the case against this substance is not yet proved.

"A century ago it was relatively rare. Now it is common and increasing," Dr. Graham said.

The increase among Western women, when considered with the fact that ovarian cancer still is rare in Latin America and Asia, suggests that some cause of it must be peculiar to modern Western life, he added.

Dr. W. A. D. Anderson, of the University of Miami, Fla., who said an increased incidence of lung cancer among asbestos workers was noticed years ago, reported that asbestos fibers have been found in the lungs of 31 per cent of men and 20 per cent of the women in a study done in Miami.

In other cities, he said, the percentages are even higher. He thinks that asbestos may of fact causes other than lung cancers, such as ovarian cancer, because it is absorbed into the digestive and circulatory systems as well as by respiratory organs.

According to Dr. Graham, although asbestos particles have not actually been found in ovarian tumors, they have been found in the surrounding tissues.

Crystals of a so far unidentified substance that could be asbestos have been found in ovaries when examined under polarized light.

Dr. Graham called these crystals "grit."

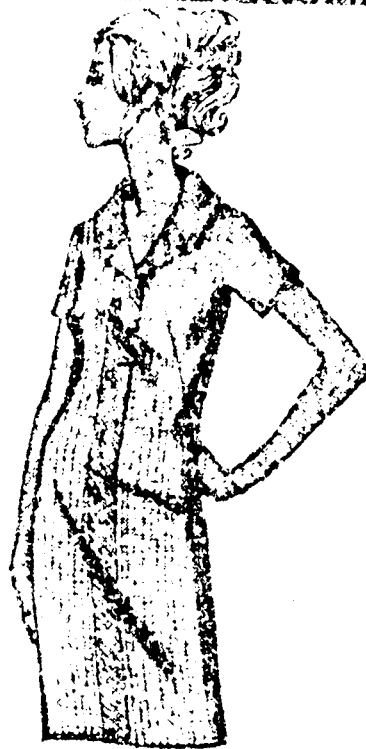
He said finely ground up asbestos has been injected into laboratory animals, and the injections have been followed by malignant changes in the animals' ovaries.

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