asbestos-related mesothelioma.

Q Now, you were asked some questions from Mr. Williams about chrysotile and degradation.

That occurs over a period of months; was that your prior testimony?

A Yes, sir, months to years.

Q Does that mean, Doctor, in your opinion, that chrysotile fibers that are present in the body do not play a role in causing mesothelioma when they degrade over that time period?

A Well, before they degrade, or during the period of time that they are intact, they will cause cellular damage.

It has been demonstrated that chrysotile fibers can cause cellular and genetic damage, and that will occur during that time period before the degradation.

Q So they can contribute, and do contribute, to mesothelioma, pleural mesotheliomas and abdominal mesotheliomas?

A Yes, sir.