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It is pleased that the Navy Medical Department has
approved the use of Poudrage in the treatment of
prostate cancer in members of the Naval forces. There
is nothing essentially inconsistent between the
statement of Dr. McFinney and the statement of the
results of the studies of virtually all talcs have
classified fibrous tremolite as a varying percentage of
the talcs studied. This fibrous component, when of
certain dimensions and dose, has been shown to
induce mesothelioma in animal studies. Of immediate
interest is the recent publication by Churg, Warnock
et al. entitled "Malignant Mesothelioma Arising after
Inhalation of Asbestos and Fiber Glass to the
Pericardium". This is a case of mesothelioma, apparently
arising in the pericardium, reported in a patient who,
previously, had been treated for angina pectoris
by the pericardial cavity with a mixture of
dust.

Medical usage of course is not the pathogenic pro-
cess of fibers about which there is a voluminous body
of literature, but rather the lack of universal aware-
ness of the potential of these fibers to produce disease
as well as the two decades thereafter.