

1 mesotheliomas in the 1980s, and he found that in about
2 80 percent of the cases, there was a good history of
3 occupational or paraoccupational exposure to
4 asbestos.

5 The other 20 percent, that good history
6 didn't exist, but Dr. McDonald did not interview all
7 of these people himself and perhaps, some of them have
8 had significant exposure that they were unaware of, or
9 that they did not provide the history for.

10 Q In your opinion, Doctor, is it accurate to
11 say that two out of every five mesotheliomas are not
12 asbestos related?

13 A I don't think that that is accurate when we
14 are talking about United States in the 1990s. 1980s,
15 1990s, that is not accurate, no.

16 I think it is accurate to say that at least
17 80 percent of the mesotheliomas are asbestos related.

18 Q And are you able, from your review of that
19 study and the scientific literature, are you able to
20 determine where that 80 percent that are asbestos
21 related comes from, as it relates to the population?