

Look Rich to Find Study Of Vinyl Chloride Cancer

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AKRON, Ohio — E. F. Goodrich Co. said it is funding a medical research program on angiosarcoma, a form of liver cancer, and related liver diseases at University of Louisville's health sciences center and cancer center.

The first year of the program is estimated to cost \$300,000, all to be supplied by Goodrich, the university said. "It is our goal to provide medical information that can be applied practically in the detection and treatment of liver ailments that may have resulted from worker exposure to vinyl chloride," said Dr. Harold Boyer, vice president for health affairs, University of Louisville.

Eventually the program could lead to expanded medical studies on liver diseases for which additional support from other sources would be sought, the university said.

Goodrich became concerned about the rare form of liver cancer after several fatal cases were discovered at its Louisville polyvinyl chloride plant, suggesting that the disease may be triggered by exposure to chemicals involved in its production.