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Dr. Susan Hadley
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Dear Doctor Hadley:

As per our telephone conversation, attached is my suggested protocol.

I hope that you can work out something so that you can help us.

Cordially yours,

H.A. Sinclaire, M.D.
Medical Director

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Attachment

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PROTOCOL FOR A FIVE YEAR STUDY OF THE PROBLEM OF ASBESTOSIS AMONGST OIL REFINERY WORKERS IN FIVE REFINERIES OWNED BY FIVE DIFFERENT CORPORATIONS

1. For purposes of this study all prospective participants should be studied yearly for a minimum of 5 years, a minimum of 3,000 persons are needed.

2. The participants should be all refinery workers under age 55 at the onset of the study in the participating oil refineries. (This assumes a usual retirement age of 60 or 62 years.)

3. The proposed study will include:
   a) a multiple choice history completed by the participant to include questions concerning:
      1. exertional dyspnea
      2. interval respiratory infections
      3. smoking history (number of years and amounts)
      4. Previous industrial and geographic exposure to asbestosis or other dusty inhalants.

The history is to be reviewed by a physician. A complete physical examination will then be performed with special emphasis on the chest. Standardized pulmonary function studies on a Pulmonor Vital Capacity FEV, and a 14" x 17" chest x-ray; AP + Lateral will be done.

Any person found to have an abnormal chest x-ray and/or a vital capacity less than 85% of the predicted maximum expiratory flow rate, should be examined by a pulmonary specialist for diagnosis and possible recommended care. All chest x-rays will be reviewed by two [illegible]

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readings and reviewing each other's reports.

All subjects having a diagnosis of asbestosis should have an x-ray every four months instead of yearly, to observe the progression of the disease.

The overall study will be monitored by a university-connected pulmonary specialist, data collected, tabulated and a report written. The study's cost will be underwritten by the participating refineries' parent organization.

N. B. 1. Controls would be refinery office workers and other non-manual workers in a refinery population.

2. Refinery participants would be geographically dispersed.

3. Data collection systems will conform with computer programs.

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