

1 Q Is mesothelioma a signal tumor in your
2 opinion?

3 A Can you define what you mean?

4 Q It should raise a red flag. You, as a
5 doctor when you are doing your regular practice, you
6 see someone come in with mesothelioma, you should
7 basically look for exposure to asbestos?

8 A Absolutely. Most cases of mesothelioma are
9 caused by asbestos. When we see it, there is always
10 that question of whether or not it is caused by
11 asbestos.

12 Q So that is why in this particular case, back
13 in 1980, a doctor asked Mr. Vandergucht if he had
14 exposure to asbestos, didn't he?

15 MR. IGNATOWSKI: Objection..

16 A I don't know --

17 THE COURT: Overruled.

18 A I don't know exactly what happened in 1980.
19 I saw one note there where a doctor said something to
20 the effect that, a very brief comment, no asbestos
21 history. Maybe I can have that.