One is that it would limit the ability of that lung to inflate and, therefore, this patient would have impairment in breathing, lung function breathing and would be short of breath.

And the other is that this sort of thing produces pain because, as the tumor is invading not so much the lung, but the lining of the lung and the chest wall, it will invade into nerves and irritate those nerves and produce chest wall pain.

Q You have treated patients with various and all types of chest diseases, Dr. Rubin?

A Just about every one there is.

Q How painful is the disease pleural malignant mesothelioma, malignant mesothelioma as it relates to other chest diseases?

A It is up there with the most painful conditions across the board that I have ever taken care of, and I would say it is the most painful respiratory condition that I have taken care of.

The pain is very severe, very intense, rarely goes away and usually requires increasing