

Since 1940, there have been 19 cases in which the diagnosis of primary cancer of the lung may be considered to have been proved. Approximately half of these cases were associated with asbestosis. All but one died in the recognized "cancer-age" and at least one-third had only the lightest exposure (category I) to asbestos dust.

On the basis of what are believed to be complete and reliable data, it seems fair to conclude that the asbestos miners in the Province of Quebec do not have a significantly higher death rate from lung cancer than do comparable segments of the general population.

Furthermore, the death rate from lung cancer in the areas contiguous to the asbestos operations is comparable to that in areas widely scattered throughout the Province of Quebec and is lower than in some urbanized areas within the Province.