

ASBESTOS BODIES (FERRUGINOUS BODIES)

1. FIBERS COATED WITH AN IRON-CONTAINING PROTEIN WHICH GIVES A CHARACTERISTIC GOLDEN BROWN BEADING ALONG THE LENGTH OF THE FIBER
2. THICKENED AT EACH END TO FORM A CHARACTERISTIC DUMBBELL APPEARANCE
3. ASBESTOS BODIES IN LUNG OR SPUTUM NOT PATHOGNOMONIC OF ASBESTOSIS
4. LUNGS FROM URBAN AREAS CONTAIN TYPICAL ASBESTOS BODIES IN SMALL NUMBERS
5. OTHER MINERAL FIBERS CAN BECOME COATED IN THE SAME WAY