

1 very definite sign of asbestos exposure.

2 Q Asbestosis is the scarring --

3 A In the lung.

4 Q But not a cancer?

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6 Q Scarring in the lung and not a cancer, and
7 pleural plaque is scarring on the lining of the lung?

8 A On the surface of the lung or on the lining
9 of the chest wall, yes.

10 Q All right. And we had an epidemiologist
11 here on Thursday who said he didn't think these six
12 verified cases of asbestosis were not asbestosis, he
13 thought they might be idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

14 And what does idiopathic mean?

15 A Idiopathic simply means that the doctor who
16 diagnosed it doesn't know what it is due to.

17 Q In terms of verifying it as asbestosis as
18 opposed to something else, are there, in fact,
19 established standards that physicians, whether they be
20 a pathologist under the microscope or doctors looking
21 at X-rays, use?