

1 mesothelioma occurs over a many-year period and all of
2 the asbestos contributes to the development of the
3 tumor, as we understand, by the mechanism of cancer
4 development.

5 One could maybe wonder about when the tumor
6 actually started and nobody knows that for certain,
7 but most data suggests that it starts many, many years
8 before a person clinically presents with the tumor.

9 It probably was there 10 years before he
10 developed symptoms and maybe longer.

11 Q Ten years before symptoms would have been
12 sometime in 1928?

13 A That is correct.

14 Q Is mesothelioma, in your opinion, a
15 cumulative exposure disease?

16 A It is.

17 Q What does cumulative exposure mean, what you
18 have described as each exposure?

19 A Yes. And another way to look at it is dose
20 response, the more a person is exposed to asbestos,
21 the higher the incidence is of that type of cancer.