

1 A At that time and even today it's very difficult
2 to tease out. We have only gotten better at it the
3 last few years.

4 Q And Spirtas found that amongst younger male
5 cases there was higher attributable risk to asbestos
6 exposure for the mesothelioma cases?

7 A Yeah, I think what he's saying is those younger
8 people may well have had exposures to the amphiboles
9 versus the older people. And I think that's what he's
10 trying to tease out. He's unable to do that.

11 Q What the study found, though, Doctor, is what
12 is discussed by Mr. Spirtas, for example, on Page 808
13 in the first complete paragraph on the right-hand
14 column:

15 "Results by decade of first exposure
16 were complimentary to those for latency
17 with the two likelihood measures showing
18 higher risks for subjects exposed earlier
19 and the ever or never questions showing
20 the highest risk among subjects beginning
21 exposure most recently."

22 That's consistent with what Dr. Agudo found
23 that the highest risk is found in the cohort, ever
24 exposed, versus the ones that believe they were never
25 exposed?