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Can asbestos cause cancer?

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TORONTO — An article to appear in the Autumn issue of the Canadian Cancer Society's national newsletter says that a cancer which occurs in the lining of the lung may result from exposure to asbestos.

The cancer, called mesothelioma, may cause a re-examination of modern building techniques which call for the use of asbestos.

The article says this was the opinion of Dr. F. Cuyler Hammond, vice-president of the American Cancer Society, who discussed this cancer at

a recent Cancer Orientation Institute for Science Writers at Annville, Pa.

The article says that in Canada a national committee to study the asbestos problem has been organized under the sponsorship of the occupational health division of the federal department of national health and welfare.

It says special studies are being conducted in the asbestos-producing areas of Thetford Mines and Asbestos in Quebec and Cassiar in British Columbia.

In addition, the International Union Against Cancer has organized a committee under Dr. J. C. Gilson of Cardiff, Wales, to collect evidence on the disease from across the world.

The article quotes Dr. Hammond as saying that until recently only 15 to 29 cases of mesothelioma were uncovered annually in the United States. But he said the rate is climbing in the U.S. and Canada and has been found frequently among asbestos miners in South Africa, Poland,

Finland and Czechoslovakia.

Dr. Hammond said it is a serious problem because the use of asbestos in building has increased in the last few years.

"On the face of it, the use of asbestos would seem to be more serious than smoking as a threat to health because cigarettes are not essential, but it would be extremely difficult to build skyscrapers, or power plants, or any one of a number of constructions without using asbestos for insulation," the article quotes Dr. Hammond as saying.

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