

GUIDELINES FOR DIAGNOSIS
AND CLASSIFICATION OF
ASBESTOS-RELATED MEDICAL CASES

- BENIGN ASYMPTOMATIC ABNORMALITIES
PLEURAL THICKENING, PLAQUES, CALCIFICATION
WITH NO EVIDENCE OF PARENCHYMAL DISEASE
- BENIGN SYMPTOMATIC ILLNESS
PRESUMPTIVE ASBESTOSIS - NO PARENCHYMAL
CHANGES BUT PLEURAL CHANGES, SYMPTOMS,
ABNORMAL SPIROMETRY OR BLOOD GASES.

CONFIRMED ASBESTOSIS - INTERSTITIAL FIBROSIS
ON X-RAY, SYMPTOMS (DYSPNEA, COUGH, ETC.)
RALES, ABNORMAL SPIROMETRY OR BLOOD GASES,
POSITIVE EXPOSURE HISTORY.

PLEURAL EFFUSION - UNILATERAL OR BILATERAL,
USUALLY WITH PLEURAL PLAQUES, HISTORY OF
EXPOSURE.
- MALIGNANT ILLNESS
MESOTHELIOMA OF PLEURA OR PERITONEUM
CARCINOMA OF LUNG, LARYNX, STOMACH, COLON

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