Q Now, we were talking earlier about pleural mesothelioma.

In your opinion, Doctor, is peritoneal mesothelioma, diffuse malignant mesothelioma of the abdominal cavity, treatable?

A Again, no. I can think of only one example where a person has responded to chemotherapy and has lived beyond the time that he would have been expected to live, but, again, in virtually all cases, 99 percent of the cases, this type of cancer will kill the individual. It is not effectively treatable.

Q So, in effect, is it incurable?

A It is incurable.

Q Now, is diffuse malignant -- first of all, Doctor, why is it called diffuse malignant mesothelioma?

A Diffuse refers to the pattern of growth, that is, it spreads out. And these types of mesothelioma, the pleura or peritoneum tend to grow, not a single mass or they tend to spread out.

In this case, it spreads out of the