

1 pulmonary lung tissue and wouldn't get anything out.

2 What was probably occurring in Mr. Grewe in
3 May of 1993 was that the tumor had grown to the extent
4 that it had entirely obliterated the entire space here
5 to solid and there wasn't any fluid present in that
6 X-ray seen right there. And the opacification is due
7 to tumor tissue, not the fluid.

8 Q Is the tumor tissue soft, flexible tissue
9 like the pleura is when it is normal?

10 A No, no, the tumor tissue is variable density
11 and variable firmness.

12 In general, the epithelial-type of
13 mesotheliomas are a little bit softer than the
14 sarcomatoid ones, but they are generally very firm,
15 very hard, very dense because they are made up of so
16 many tissues, so many cells.

17 Sometimes these are really extremely tough,
18 and when I do autopsies on individuals with
19 mesothelioma, it can be very, very hard to actually
20 take this out. It might seem like it should be easy,
21 but it is not the case.