

Brake Workers & Non-Malignant Lung Disease

- Greater prevalence of x-ray abnormalities found among garage mechanics who repaired brakes than among blue collar controls or garage workers who do not engage in brake or auto body work
- Significance excess seen in workers who grind and machine brake linings prior to installation on larger vehicles
- X-ray abnormalities in accord with asbestos exposure

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