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Dear Dr. Hardy:

In common with many persons in industries using substantial quantities of asbestos, we are frequently asked for guidance in setting industrial hygiene standards for this mineral. A recent conversation with Dr. Dixon of Fisons (England) suggested that there may be a real difference between the various forms of asbestos in regard to their ability to cause mesotheliomata. My first question would then be, is there such a difference? and does it apply to the other less specific tumors of the lung and gastro-intestinal tract also associated with asbestos? Secondly, if there is such a difference in tumorigenicity between the various forms of asbestos, is it of a sufficient degree to be the basis for a recommendation to management on asbestos handling?

Yours sincerely,

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