A Yes.

Q From your review of the medical records, did Mr. Grewe have a consistent clinical picture with the disease mesothelioma?

A Classic. Of the majority of people, I would say 95 percent of them present exactly like he presented.

That is, the initial symptom is usually shortness of breath. They do the chest X-ray. They usually see pleural effusion, do a thoracentesis and the cytology is only positive in probably thirty to forty percent, and do these other procedures like the thoracoscopy and look at the tissues to obtain a biopsy and the diagnosis is made.

Q Once Mr. Grewe was diagnosed with mesothelioma, how was he treated?

A He was initially treated, and the main thing they try to do is get rid of the pleural effusion.

That is done by a type of technique knows as a pleurodesis, which you try to fuse the visceral pleura with the parietal pleura so the fluid can no