Doctor, when an individual has pleural diffuse malignant mesothelioma such as depicted in this slide, is there any way to surgically remove just the tumor portion that is encasing the lung?

A No, sir. This is a clean dissection from an autopsy. This is perhaps a little bit misleading because it looks like it can be removed here.

In fact, I am sure in this situation the tumor was also growing into the chest wall.

THE COURT: Excuse me, Doctor.

(Whereupon, discussion off the record.)

A It is a difficult surgical dissection. Again, in a living person there are blood vessels all over here and these people will be bleeding profusely from their chest wall.

The mesotheliomas also invade into the great vessels because if you look, again, moving back, you can see the large vessels that feed into the heart are in very close proximity to the tumor.

It is very common that these tumors start to grow around these great vessels. It is a very