



FILE: PULMONARY FUNCTION STUDIES and Tests

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CHRONIC PULMONARY DISEASE IN TEXTILE PLANTS

It has become even more apparent since talking to Dr. Sterner and the Kodak representatives that no one is yet convinced that there is a clinical entity caused by service in textile fiber plants. In order to try and clarify this problem as much as possible it is essential to know that we have all of the relevant data in one place where the problem can be looked at as a whole. What is necessary as a first step is the assembling of all case histories of persons in the textile fiber plants that have definite chronic pulmonary disease. To this would then be added the findings of relevant laboratory tests such as pulmonary function studies and any histological data that may be available from biopsies or resected tissue.

If you should think it appropriate, I could draw up a simple one-page form that could be sent to the physicians in the textile fiber plants and which could, without trespassing too seriously on their time, be filled in and returned to Wilmington to give us a picture of the problem.

A better approach might be to send such a questionnaire to all plant physicians so that we could compare the incidence of chronic pulmonary disease in the textile fiber plant personnel with that in the personnel of other departments.

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