A I am not a pathologist. I don't know whether they did a good job or not.

Q They concluded this was an asbestos-caused mesothelioma, correct?

A They concluded, but I don't think it is justified. Based on one case you cannot make a causation statement.

It is the same that you cannot say that the occupation being a judge caused the mesothelioma in that case report that I referred to earlier.

Q Let me ask you this, Doctor.

Is it your opinion that you must have an epidemiological study in order to link exposure to a substance to a disease or a death in a person?

A For chronic diseases, yes.

Q Well, no, in other words, if you have a plant that makes some kind of a substance and you are a doctor in the local town and you see someone from the plant and they have died, they have died and they worked at the plant, say they worked at the plant with asbestos.