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Because asbestos related diseases both with and without asbestosis are a cause of considerable concern and confusion, I have attached an execellent article written by D. Davies that appeared in the July 16, 1983 issue of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL. Davies has distilled a great deal of information into a succinct description of when compensability may be indicated. His comments on lung cancer are especially interesting.

The fact that only a small percentage of pleural plaques (15% reported by Hourihane) are detectable during a lifetime by usual chest radiographs gives one concern. If our chest x-ray examinations are of poor quality and are poorly interpreted, we could be accused of exercising inadequate "reasonable" care in our detection efforts. Hilton has been working with you to try to upgrade our chest x-ray examinations and interpretations.

I appreciate that Dr. Hilton Lewinsohn called this article to my attention. Hilton is our resident expert on asbestosis and asbestos related diseases so if you have any questions or problems give him a call on extension 8-421-5214.

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