

1 ask the question, you have to specify time period.

2 You remember Dr. Wong said one of the
3 important criteria for epidemiology is specificity.

4 Okay. Why is that back in the '60s before
5 we find out that asbestos can cause mesothelioma, a
6 lot of times mesothelioma was not diagnosed correctly,
7 so there was underdiagnosis of the disease back in the
8 '60s and '70s, and that rate would be applicable to
9 that time period, one to two cases per million per
10 year?

11 What Dr. Wong told us, the numbers relied
12 upon by the plaintiffs, one to two cases per million
13 people per year were actually in the 1960s and 1970s.

14 He went on to explain why.

15 In the '70s and '80s the rate is much higher
16 in the neighborhood of 10 to 20 per million per year
17 and even then it is not specific enough.

18 Why not?

19 And he went on to explain what is a basic
20 concept that I think all of us can appreciate and that
21 concept is as we all get older, the chance of us