Author	Asbestosis Deaths	Cancer of Lung	Percentage Incidence
Merewether	344	55	16.0
Wedler	92	15	16.3
Wyers	115	17	14.8
Lynch & Cannon	40	3	7.5
Gloyne	121	17	14.1
Totals	712	107	15.0

The notable characteristic of all previous publications is the adherence to the development of a percentage relationship in a relatively small and very selected group of cases. Only Doll,[63] among all of these authors, has described a representative population group and studied it for the mortality rate from lung cancer and compared this rate with that for a control group. His investigation dealt with only 113 men in the study population.

Since most earlier studies had been limited to enumerating the lung cancers found in certain selected samples, such as cases coming to autopsy or death certificates in which asbestosis was mentioned, it was apparent that they could not fulfill the requirements of an epidemiological and statistical approach to the problem. The present study was, therefore, designed to meet the requirements of this method.

After a preliminary survey to explore the availability of reliable information, data were gathered on workers in the asbestos mines in Quebec, based on medical records at the two main locations