Fibers can also be transported by lymphatics, the circulatory system. There are probably other mechanisms, but the fibers can be transported to the abdominal space after inhalation into the lungs.

Q And in the abdominal space and in the pleura, that is where the pleural mesothelial cells are?

A In the abdominal space are the peritoneal mesothelial cells.

Q And in the pleural space there are pleural mesothelial cells?

A Yes, sir.

Q In your opinion, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, can asbestos fibers affect these mesothelial cells?

A Yes, sir. Asbestos fibers cause injury to those mesothelial cells.

Q Have you in your research done any research on that particular area of cause?

A Yes, sir, I have.