

1 lung cancer showed an epidemiologic relationship
2 between asbestos and lung cancer, and there are many,
3 many other cases after that.

4 Q How about the disease known as diffuse
5 malignant mesothelioma, when was that, from your
6 review of the literature, first reported?

7 A The best study or best report initially was
8 by Wedler, and many people don't realize that. Wedler
9 had a beautiful description on mesothelioma, in 1943
10 in that paper, that he reported on the person who had
11 the disease asbestosis.

12 If you look at the Merewether report in
13 1949, he referred to cases of tumors of the lining of
14 the lung; and even though he did not call them
15 mesothelioma, I suspect that those were.

16 The article or the publication that I think
17 is most well-known and perhaps the most famous with
18 relating mesothelioma to asbestos was published by
19 Wagner, Sleggs and Marchand in South Africa in 1960 in
20 a journal called The British Journal of Industrial
21 Medicine. And in that report, they had 33 cases of