with chemotherapy to kill some of those cells.

So nausea and vomiting, for example, relating to sloughing of those cells from the gastrointestinal tract is a particularly common side effect of chemotherapy.

In some chemotherapy, drugs can be toxic for other parts of the body.

For example, Adriamycin, which is one of the medications that Mr. Vandergucht received, can be toxic to the heart muscle cell and can produce heart muscle damage.

Q From your review of the records, did Mr. Vandergucht respond initially fairly well to the chemotherapy?

A We think we had a relatively limited period of time where he didn't have symptomatic rapid progression associated with the chemotherapy, but chemotherapy is not curative of mesothelioma. You can't cure mesothelioma with chemotherapy.

The whole goal is to sort of slow things down a bit and palliate, make the patient a bit more