mean that when the fibers are there -- first of all, how durable are they?

How long do they generally stay present?

A The group of fibers referred to as amphiboles, which would include amosite, crocidolite, anthophyllite, actinolite and tremolite, which are smaller fibers, they are extremely durable, and it has been shown from studies, only up to maybe 10 to 20 percent of those ever are translocated. Most of those stay in the lung, especially, forever.

The other type of fiber that has been used the most throughout the world commercially, is called chrysotile, which is a hallow fiber. For reasons that are not entirely clear, it has a tendency to actually split logitudinally, and also break down, and it is even thought that sometimes it can even dissolve. And that is the type of fiber that is not very durable.

And most of the chrysotile asbestos that would not be breathed from the lung, and cleared from the lung, would be a period of three to six months.

Q Does that mean that the chrysotile fibers,