

1 in the medical and scientific literature that
2 chrysotile and tremolite fibers have been found in the
3 pleura?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q Of individuals who have developed pleural
6 mesothelioma?

7 A Yes, sir. And I believe that includes
8 individuals with mesothelioma.

9 Q And are chrysotile -- are amosite and
10 chrysotile fibers, in your opinion, capable of getting
11 to the abdominal cavity?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q And what is the route of travel for fibers
14 to the abdominal cavity?

15 A Well, probably the most important mechanism
16 is that fibers, some fibers are swept up by this cilia
17 with the mucus, and something we don't commonly think
18 about, but we are continuously swallowing mucus that
19 comes up from our lungs, and as a result of that, the
20 fibers get into the digestive system and can penetrate
21 through the intestines and into the abdominal space.