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Pulmonary Malignancy

Dr. Paul Cartier and I went to Saranac last Thursday night; on Friday we discussed this whole program and the Saranac Laboratory proposal with Dr. Vorwald. Saturday morning we went to Montreal and presented the Saranac proposal and our recommendations to G. K. Foster.

It is our belief that two lines of research should be followed. The first is the statistical study previously mentioned. We believe that this should be carried out by a Canadian, possibly with the help of some recognised United States statistician. Dr. O. H. Warwick, Director of the National Cancer Institute of Canada is a personal friend of mine and I have contacted him asking for his views and possible help in this statistical survey. Dr. Cartier and I are to meet Dr. Warwick in Montreal or here in Asbestos early in October.

The second line of research recommended was the institution of animal inhalation experiments at Saranac, the results to be coordinated with all the pathological, experimental, clinical, radiological and engineering information available in Saranac. The Trudeau Foundation has just received a grant for cancer research and are conducting inhalation experiments with aluminum, silica, iron and beryllium. If the asbestos experiments are approved, they will form a fifth part of this program of lung cancer caused by inhaled dusts.

Mr. Foster plans to summarize the programs and make his recommendations to the Q.A.M.A. at the October meeting.

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