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BC Notes: Dr. Kelly recommends respirators for workers sawing asbestos.

Barry Castleman Comments - Dr. Kelly recommends respirators for workers sawing asbestos.

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E. J. Lambla
Kearny Plant

There is a problem of asbestos and cancer somewhat similar to smoking and lung cancer. If you smoke three packs a day for twenty years, you run a fairly good chance of getting lung cancer--maybe twenty times as great as the average person. This still, however, leaves you with only a two or three per cent chance of getting lung cancer. If you smoke one-half pack a day you probably never will get lung cancer.

Turning to asbestos, people who get a form of lung disease called asbestosis are likely to get cancer of the lung in a fairly good percentage. However, this means they have to have very heavy exposure for prolonged periods of time. The average insulator does not get this type exposure. We have never seen a case of lung cancer in any of our insulators. You do not get cancer unless you have lung changes from asbestos, and our routine examinations would pick this up. We haven't even gotten any lung changes in our asbestos workers.

I would, therefore, reassure your workers and tell them to use discretion when using asbestos and if there is a dusty atmosphere to wear approved dust respirators when carrying out their work.

R. Emmet Kelly, M. D.

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