reaction to the presence of foreign material in the serosal cells. We propose that the condition be called the peritoneal tumour of asbestosis until its exact nature becomes clear.

In the fifth century A.D. ασβεστωσις was first used to denote plastering or stuccoing. In our view the term asbestosis was most aptly chosen for the pathological effect of asbestos. Asbestos may 'plaster' the lung, the pleura, or the peritoneum.

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