

Personal Injury Guide

Asbestos Related Diseases

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The team here at Lanyon Bowdler are experts in asbestos-related diseases, and will be happy to answer your queries on the symptoms and conditions which have been medically connected with asbestos exposure.

Here is some more information:

Lung cancer is a malignant tumour of the tubes carrying air to and from the lungs, called the bronchi. The tumour grows through surrounding tissue, invading and often obstructing air passages. Again, the disease has a long latency period – typically at least 20 years.

Mesothelioma is a cancer of the pleural and peritoneal lining and is considered to be almost exclusively related to asbestos exposure. By the time it is diagnosed, it is almost always fatal. Mesothelioma has a long latency period (time between exposure and onset of disease) of at least 15 and sometimes as long as 60 years.

Asbestosis is a scarring of the lung tissue. This scarring leads to inadequate oxygen intake to the blood. It is a slowly progressive disease with a latency period of 15 to 30 years.

Diffuse pleural thickening is a disease in which the lining of the lung (pleura) becomes scarred. If it is extensive then it, too, can restrict expansion of the lungs and lead to breathlessness. It normally takes at least 10 years after the first exposure to develop asbestos related pleural disease. The disease is a chronic condition with no cure.

Small areas of scarring are called pleural plaques. They do not cause symptoms.

It is important to consult your GP immediately if you are concerned that you, or a member of your family, have been affected by asbestos exposure.

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