

## **MESOTHELIOMA**

MESOTHELIOMA – The most deadly of asbestos-related health complications. Caused by asbestos fibers which lodge in the mesothelial lining of the body's internal organs, most commonly in the lungs. There is no known cure for mesothelioma. The only recognized cause of mesothelioma is exposure to asbestos, though other factors such as smoking can make the disease more or less likely in some individuals.

ASBESTOSIS – A chronic respiratory condition directly attributable to asbestos exposure. Can cause internal respiratory damage that will limit lung function.

ASBESTOS LUNG CANCER - Attributed to asbestos exposure

ASBESTOS CANCER – General term for cancers either directly attributable or partly attributable to asbestos exposure.

## **BLOGS and OTHER ONLINE SUPPORT**

[ACOR.ORG](#) – Association of Cancer Online Resources - Offers information and support through an integrated system of online discussion groups created by patients for patients and caregivers, cancer advocacy organizations and professional organizations.

[AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION](#) – Lung disease message board where patients can post their questions or stories and read responses from other patients.

[CANCER GRIEF GOOGLE GROUP](#) - An informal gathering place for advice, support and hope for cancer patients.

[FIGHTING CHANCE COUNSELING AND RESOURCE CENTER FOR CANCER PATIENTS](#) – Local resource guide, as well as crisis intervention counseling, support groups, and e-mail support to patients and their families from cancer diagnosis through treatment.

[MEDICAL NEWS TODAY](#) – The latest asbestos and mesothelioma news articles – published daily.

[MESOTHOTHELIOMA](#) - Symptoms, Causes and Treatment – Daily news blog

[MESOTHELIOMA NEWSLETTER](#) – Provides the latest mesothelioma news, treatments and asbestos disease information.

[MESOTHELIOMA WATCH](#) – Latest breaking news from the asbestos lung cancer industry.

[ONCOCHAT](#) – Online cancer peer support group . Does not offer medical advice or professional counseling. Strictly people sharing similar experiences and emotions. Open to patients, caretakers, friends and family members. All ages are welcome.

[THE WELLNESS COMMUNITY](#) – Free weekly password-protected online groups for patients, caregivers and families dealing with asbestos-related cancers.

## **CURRENT CLINICAL TRIALS**

[CENTER WATCH](#) – One of the largest and most comprehensive database listings of industry- and government-sponsored clinical trials on the net.

[CLINICAL TRIALS.GOV](#) – A resource for over 47,500 cancer clinical trials in over 153 countries. Provides topics on understanding clinical trials, how to register for them, how to find sponsors, how to find financing, and glossary of terms. You can search by location, topic, drug intervention or sponsor.

[GET E-MAILS ABOUT NEW CLINICAL TRIALS](#) – (CENTER WATCH) - Sign up for a FREE Patient Notification Service for a clinical trial in the medical category you are interested in.

[MESOTHELIOMA AND ASBESTOS AWARENESS CENTER](#) – Has a good database of clinical trials that is kept current.

[MESOTHELIOMA AND LUNG CANCER](#) - Provides an online list of national clinical trials. However, they do not post a date as to how current this information is.

### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Refer to the topic page “Financial Assistance” in The Ribbon Mosaic Library menu

### **INFORMATION RESOURCES**

[ASBESTOS.COM](#) – Provides more than 2000 pages of resources ranging from occupational exposure to mesothelioma treatment options.

[ASBESTOS DISEASE AWARENESS ORGANIZATION](#) - Serves as a united voice for all asbestos victims, unites asbestos victims by educating the public and medical community about asbestos and related diseases, supports research leading to early detection, prevention and a cure, ensures equitable compensation for victims and their families, and works to ban the use of asbestos.

[ASBESTOSIS MESOTHELIOMA](#) - Asbestos and mesothelioma information on the disease, stages, treatments, nutrition, statistics, research, etc.

[ASBESTOS.NET](#) - Information on asbestos, asbestos cancer, lung cancer, and mesothelioma.

[ASBESTOS NEWS](#) – Provides up-to-date information on asbestos-related issues , including mesothelioma risks, diseases, statistics, etc.

[ALL ABOUT MALIGNANT MESOTHELIOMA](#) – Provides a one-stop resource for comprehensive, up-to-date mesothelioma information. Covers the full scope of malignant mesothelioma issues including background, history, risk factors, diagnosis, and treatment. Also includes information on filing a personal injury or wrongful death lawsuit.

[AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY](#) (ACS) – Offers a variety of services and programs for patients and their families. The ACS also supports research and provides printed materials, and conducts educational programs.

[AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION](#) – Information on lung related diseases and cancers A-Z, smoking, asthma, hay fever, treatments, air quality, tobacco control and a Wall of Remembrance.

[AMERICAN PSYCHOSOCIAL ONCOLOGY SOCIETY](#) (APOS) – Provides toll-free referral assistance for cancer patients, their caregivers, and advocacy organizations to obtain referrals for local counseling and support services (psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, social workers, and counselors) through the United States.

[ASSOCIATION OF CANCER ONLINE RESOURCES](#) (ACOR) – Manages a mailing list for mesothelioma patients.

[CANCER CARE](#) – (800) 813-4673 - An organization that provides free support, information, financial assistance, and practical help to people with cancer, caregivers, children and the bereaved. Services are provided by oncology social workers and are available in person, over the phone and through their Web site.

[CANCER INFORMATION AND COUNSELING LINE \(CICL\)](#) – (800) 525-3777 - A national counseling service designed to help cancer patients, family members and friends and members of the public. Professional counselors provide up-to-date medical information, emotional support through short-term counseling, and national and local resource referrals to callers.

[ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY](#) – Provides information about the laws and regulations regarding asbestos.

[FERTILE HOPE](#) – Provides reproductive information, support, and hope to cancer patients whose medical treatments present the risk of infertility.

[HOSPICE EDUCATION INSTITUTE](#) – Contains general information on Hospice Care, as well as a Directory of State Hospice Associations.

[I CAN COPE](#) – Provides support for cancer patients and their families on topics such as diagnosis and treatment, side effects of treatment, emotions and self-esteem, cancer and intimacy, communication skills, community resources, financial concerns, pain management, nutrition, and fatigue.

[MAYO CLINIC](#) – Comprehensive information about mesothelioma: symptoms, causes, risk factors, complications, tests and diagnosis, treatments and drugs, alternative medicines, coping and support, and prevention.

[MEDICINE PLUS](#) – A service provided by the National Institute of Health (NIH) and the Library of Medicine. This site is a comprehensive source of articles, links, a dictionary and encyclopedia of medical topics, as well as videos of various surgeries. Topics range from general health issues to drugs, treatments, research articles, and patient support. Cancer in general and mesothelioma specifically can be viewed.

[MESOJOURNAL.COM](#) – Information on prognosis, symptoms, diagnosis, staging, treatments, and pets and mesothelioma.

[MESOLINK.ORG](#) – Provides up-to-date information, including links to other sites and online resources on mesothelioma and cancer.

[MESOTHELIOMA AND ASBESTOS AWARENESS CENTER](#) – Will send you a FREE Mesothelioma Information Packet to your doorstep in 24 hours. Website covers information on Mesothelioma, treatments, and at-risk jobs.

[MESOTHELIOMA AND LUNG CANCER](#) – (800) 780-2686 – Provides up-to-date information on lung cancer, mesothelioma, major cancer hospitals, and at-risk jobs.

[MESOTHELIOMA.COM](#) – Extensive list on jobsites across the US where asbestos exposure may have occurred: jobsites, aluminum plants, chemical plants, homes, Iraq and the Middle East, oil refineries, power plants, schools, shipyards and steel mills. Lists occupations that may expose you to asbestos.

[MESOTHELIOMA INFORMATION AND TREATMENT CENTER RESOURCE](#) – Asbestosis and mesothelioma resource for diagnosis, treatments, clinical trials, research and legal rights.

[MESOTHELIOMA INTERNATIONAL](#) – Provides answers to common questions about symptoms, treatments and palliative care for patients outside of the US.

[MESOTHELIOMA.NET](#) – Provides information about mesothelioma, including the latest news, recent government rulings on mesothelioma claims, and the options you have when deciding your best course of action.

[MESOTHELIOMA WEB](#) – (877- 367-6376) - One of the most comprehensive sites on mesothelioma, providing facts about palliative care, nutrition, and chemotherapy, as well as information on clinical trials.

[NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE](#) - (800-422-6237) - Information on all cancers, definitions of treatments, locations of clinical trials, drug dictionary, and research and funding resources. For more information, U.S. residents may call Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Deaf and hard-of-hearing callers with TTY equipment may call 800-332-8615. The call is free and a trained Cancer Information Specialist is available to answer your questions.

[NCI'S LIVE HELP](#) – Online chat service that provides the ability to chat online with an Information Specialist. The service is available from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday. Information Specialists can help Internet users find information on NCI Web sites and answer questions about cancer.

[RESEARCH MALIGNANT MESOTHELIOMA](#) – An overview of the disease, treatments, news and developments, clinical trials and job exposure sites.

### **MESOTHELIOMA CENTERS AND PLACES TO STAY**

Refer to the topic pages “Cancer Centers by State” and “Lodging” in The Ribbon Mosaic Library menu.

[MESOTHELIOMA-HOSPITALS.ORG](#) – (800-881-6000) - A list of major mesothelioma centers and places you can stay while receiving treatments.

### **LEGAL ADVICE**

Contact an attorney as soon as you or a loved one has been diagnosed with mesothelioma. It is important to understand that all mesothelioma attorneys take cases on a contingent fee basis. This means that they will cover all the expenses involved in the case in exchange for a fraction of the settlement. This typically includes their time as well as travel and other expenses. Basically, the lawsuit will cost you nothing unless it is successful and you receive compensation. Due to the unique circumstances of mesothelioma, many courts have been set up to give preference to those living in order to provide for treatment and other expenses. This means you can reasonably expect your case to be completed within one year.

[AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION](#) – Locate an attorney.

[LAWYERS.COM](#) – Locate an attorney

### **PHYSICIANS**

[ASBESTOS.COM](#) – A list of national physicians dealing with mesothelioma and other thoracic diseases.

### **RESEARCH FONDATIONS**

[MESOTHELIOMA APPLIED RESEARCH FOUNDATION](#) – A non-profit organization dedicated to ending the suffering caused by mesothelioma.

### **VETERANS**

[MILITARYSPOT.COM](#) – Provides information about medical and legal issues of particular concern to military veterans. (Information on this site is reliable but not guaranteed, and should not be regarded or construed as actual medical or legal advice.)

[MESOTHELIOMA WEB FOR VETERANS](#) – (877- 367-6376) - One of the most comprehensive sites on mesothelioma, providing facts about palliative care, nutrition, and chemotherapy, as well as information on clinical trials.