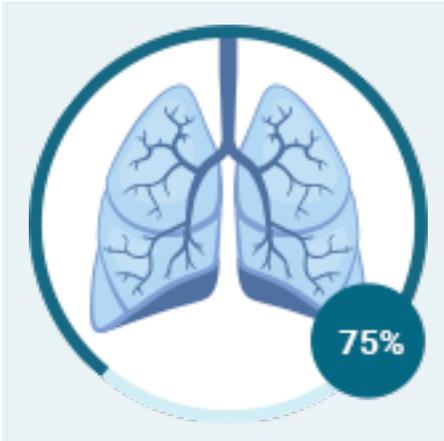


Types of Malignant Mesothelioma

Mesothelioma cancer occurs in a protective lining called the mesothelium. The mesothelium is a thin membrane that protects and lubricates several important organs and body cavities. When people are exposed to asbestos, the sharp fibers can become lodged in the mesothelium and eventually cause cells to become cancerous.

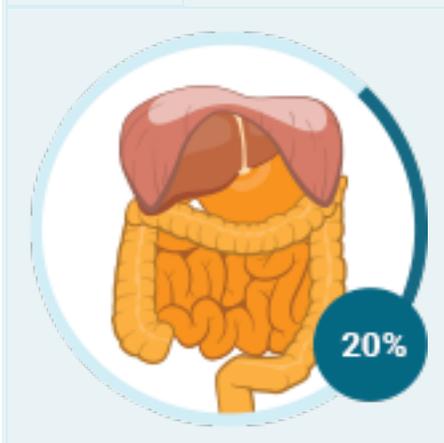
Where Does Mesothelioma Develop?



Pleural Mesothelioma

Cancer of the mesothelium in the lungs and chest is known as pleural mesothelioma. It accounts for 3 out of 4 mesothelioma diagnoses because most asbestos fibers are inhaled, lodging into the linings of the lungs.

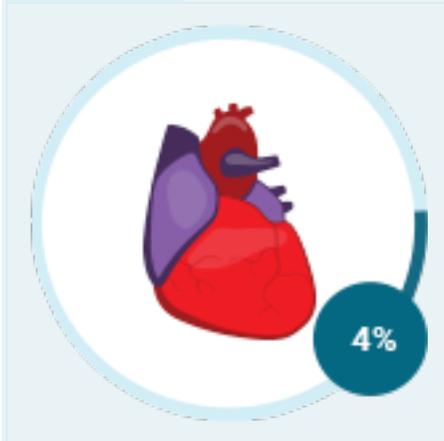
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Peritoneal Mesothelioma

Cancer of the mesothelium surrounding the abdomen is known as peritoneal mesothelioma. It is created by ingesting asbestos fibers and accounts for about 20 percent of all diagnoses.

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Pericardial Mesothelioma

Cancer of the mesothelium surrounding the heart is known as pericardial mesothelioma. This is a rare form of mesothelioma and is not usually diagnosed while the patient is still alive.

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Mesothelioma can also develop in the lining of the testicles. [Testicular mesothelioma](#) is extremely rare and occurs in less than 1 percent of mesothelioma cases.

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Mesothelioma Prognosis

A prognosis is a doctor's prediction of how a disease will progress. [Prognosis](#) includes life expectancy and survival rates. There are several steps patients can take to improve their prognosis. The prognosis estimates the path and behavior the cancer is expected to take and how a patient will be affected by it in the future.

Ways to Improve Prognosis

[Find a Mesothelioma Specialist](#)

Seeing a specialist is the most important way to improve prognosis. Specialists have experience treating mesothelioma that general oncologists don't have.

Maintain a Healthy Lifestyle

Patients who maintain a healthy lifestyle are more resilient to aggressive treatment and are more capable of fighting the disease.

[Get a Second Opinion](#)

Always seek a second opinion before accepting a treatment plan. Second opinions may reveal more treatment options that lead to longer survival.

[Enroll in Clinical Trials](#)

Participating in a clinical trial can provide access to treatment methods not offered elsewhere.

[Explore Treatment Options](#)

Patients should explore all their treatment options with their doctor and decide the best plan based on their diagnosis. Every diagnosis is different and certain treatments work better for certain patients.

Learn more about how these steps factor into a better life expectancy and how you can take control of your prognosis in our free [Mesothelioma Survivors Guide](#).

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