

Mesoteliomi pleurici insorti in donne, residenti in Veneto, addette alla cernita di stracci presso “robe vecchie” e cartiere

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SUMMARY

«Pleural mesothelioma among women in the Veneto Region with past work as rag sorters for textile recycling and paper production». *The paper reports 9 cases of mesothelioma diagnosed by means of histology or cytology that were observed among women resident in the Veneto Region, Northern Italy, whose only activity that could involve exposure to asbestos was as rag sorter. These cases are part of a group of about 260 subjects with mesothelioma whose entire working and residential history has been collected. The women worked as rag sorters between the 1940's and 1960's in textile recycling (8 cases) or (one case) at a paper mill where cotton was used for paper production. The work as rag sorter helps to explain the high proportion of mesotheliomas among women with an occupational exposure to asbestos.*