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Mesothelioma and the Environment in Ambler Study: Understanding Risk from Exposures

What are you trying to do?

We are attempting to carry out a case-control study to understand the links between work, community, and environmental exposure to asbestos and the risk of developing mesothelioma among residents of the Ambler area.

What is a case-control study?

A case-control study is a type of research study that compares the exposure of people with a disease (cases) with the exposure of people who do not have that disease (controls). Therefore this case-control study involves looking backward in time, to learn about how and the extent to which cases and controls were exposed to asbestos in different ways over the course of their lives.

Who are the case subjects?

“Cases” are people who have a diagnosis of mesothelioma, lived in the greater Ambler area at the time of diagnosis, and lived in the greater Ambler area for the 5 years prior to diagnosis.

Who are the control subjects?

“Controls” are people who do not have a diagnosis of mesothelioma, but live or lived in the greater Ambler area and lived in the greater Ambler area for at least 5 years.

What are you asking me to do?

We are seeking people to participate in the study. If you could participate in the study or know someone who could, please contact us.

We will ask participants to complete a survey, either in person or over the phone, with a member of our research staff. We will ask you questions about where you (or your loved one) have lived, for how long you (or your loved one) lived there, what jobs you (or your loved one) have had, your (or your loved one's) medical history, and any family history of mesothelioma. We will use these surveys to compare people who developed mesothelioma to people who did not, which will help us understand the links between different types of asbestos exposure and development of mesothelioma.

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