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Subject DISEASES OF THE CHEST DESCRIBED FOR STUDENTS AND PRACTITIONERS

This text on Diseases of the Chest, part of the Boston Collection of C.U. Medical Library, was written by Robert Coope, M.D., and published in 1944 by The Williams and Wilkins Book Company, Baltimore. It contains separate chapters on bronchial carcinoma and other intrathoracic tumors and on diseases due to the inhalation of dusts, fumes and gases.

With reference to lung cancer, the author states "there are no convincingly proved causal factors, apart perhaps from the radioactive dust encountered by those "pathological curiosities', the Schneeberg Cobalt Workers and the Joachimstal Miners." Mesothelioma of the pleura is not mentioned.

The chapter on dust diseases includes a section on asbestosis, which has been copied for the HS&E Library. No mention is made of any hazard to end users of asbestos-containing materials. In fact, the author writes that "the industry has a comparatively short history, and it is only in the last twenty years that the disease arising from it has been extensively studied."

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