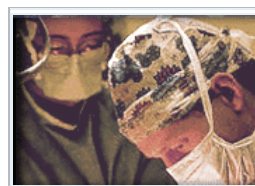



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Choosing A Doctor

Choosing a doctor that is right for you can make all the difference in your treatment experience. Below are doctors with national and international reputations for their work with mesothelioma patients. The American Cancer Society has provided a checklist of topics to consider and questions to ask your doctor which may be helpful in choosing a doctor as your treating physician or to get a second opinion.

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Dr. Robert Cameron



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Dr. Cameron is the Director of Thoracic Oncology, Department of Surgery, at the UCLA Medical Center; Chief of General Thoracic Surgery at the Wadsworth Veterans Administration Hospital; and an Assistant Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Surgical Oncology at UCLA. Dr. Cameron has extensive experience treating mesothelioma patients.

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Dr. Pass is Chief of Thoracic Oncology and the Thoracic Oncology Program Leader at Karmanos Cancer Institute; Chief of Thoracic Surgery at Detroit VA Hospital, and a Professor of Surgery and Oncology at Wayne State University. His Photo-Dynamic therapy is an aggressive new treatment for malignant mesothelioma.

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Nebraska



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Dr. Loggie is Chief of Surgical Oncology and Director of the Cancer Center at Creighton University Medical Center, as well as a Professor of Surgery at Creighton University Medical School. He specializes in treating peritoneal mesothelioma.

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New Mexico



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Dr. Verschraegen is an oncologist and the Director of Experimental Therapeutics at the University of New Mexico. She is an expert in the treatment of peritoneal mesothelioma.

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New York



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Dr. Rusch is the Chief of Thoracic Service at Sloan Kettering Memorial Cancer Center. She specializes in the treatment of pleural mesothelioma. Her work is primarily focused on pleural decortication to extrapleural pneumonectomy.

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Dr. Mary Louise L. Keohan
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Dr. Mary Louise Keohan is an oncologist specializing in the treatment of mesothelioma and sarcoma at the Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center. She is conducting multimodality studies of patients with pleural and peritoneal mesothelioma and other connective tissue oncology studies. The Center is located at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons.



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Dr. W. Roy is a thoracic surgeon and a Professor of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery. He has extensive experience with treating mesothelioma patients and is a leading researcher in the field of gene therapy.

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Washington



Dr. Eric Vallieres

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Dr. Vallieres is a thoracic surgeon who practices in Seattle at the University of Washington, and offers Multi-Modal therapy for treatment Medical Center of malignant mesothelioma.

Where Do I Go From Here?

After diagnosis, it is important to understand your treatment options. Your doctor or oncologist will provide you with information on the treatments that are available to you.

It is also important to know about your legal rights. If you have mesothelioma, or any other asbestos-related disease you were most likely exposed to asbestos. Many of the manufacturers of asbestos insulation products knew for decades that asbestos was hazardous, yet made a business decision not to warn people of those hazards. As a result, you may have a right of recovery against those manufacturers, which can help defray the costs of treatment and provide compensation for your pain and suffering.

For information on the legal implications of mesothelioma and other asbestos-related diseases, please [Contact Us](#).

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