



GUIDE TO MESOTHELIOMA SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

What are the signs and symptoms?

During the early stages of the disease, the **cancer** presents as **small lumps** in the **lining of the lungs** and does **not show** on **scans** or **x-rays**. At this early stage, the disease is **unlikely** to **cause** any **symptoms**.

As it progresses, mesothelioma usually causes **general symptoms**:

- tiredness
- sweating
- loss of appetite, and
- weight loss

As the **disease progresses** further, **symptoms** become apparent such as:

- chest pain, and
- shortness of breath

Often **due** to a combination of **factors**:

- the lining of the **lung thickens** and can act like a rind around the lung that restricts lung movement and prevent lung expansion
- the disease can **extend into the tissues** around the lung, including nerves and bone, and this can cause severe pain
- **fluid** may also **accumulate** around the **lung** which can restrict lung expansion

If you have concerns that you may be **suffering** from **mesothelioma**, or you have **experienced** some or all of the **symptoms** above, you should seek **medical advice immediately**. You should consult with your GP who will refer you to a specialist, if appropriate.

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