

H. K. PORTER MEDICAL CRITERIA

1. A claim for non-malignant asbestos-related disease must be supported by a chest x-ray report, narrative report, hospital record or ILO reading by a B-reader, radiologist or other qualified physician showing pleural thickening, pleural plaques, pulmonary asbestosis or an ILO reading of at least 1/0.
2. A claim for asbestos-related lung cancer must be supported by a pathology report or operative report by a qualified physician which demonstrates the existence of primary lung cancer *and either* (i) a diagnosis of pleural or parenchymal asbestos-related disease by a qualified physician, (ii) an opinion from a qualified physician attributing the lung cancer, in whole or in part, to asbestos exposure *or* (iii) at least ten (10) years of occupational exposure to asbestos-containing materials in employment.

“Primary” for lung cancer refers to the place the cancer originated. If there is any indication that the original site was not the lung, or if there is a dispute as to where the primary site was, this may prevent the claim from being categorized as an asbestos-related lung cancer.

3. A claim for other cancers must be supported by a pathology report or operative report by a qualified physician which demonstrates the existence of primary cancer of the larynx, pharynx or gastro-intestinal tract *and either* (i) a diagnosis of pleural or parenchymal asbestos-related disease by a qualified physician, (ii) an opinion from a qualified physician attributing the cancer, in whole or in part, to asbestos exposure *or* (iii) at least ten (10) years of occupational exposure to asbestos-containing materials in employment.

“Primary” for other cancers refers to the place the cancer originated. If there is any indication that the original site was not the larynx, pharynx or gastro-intestinal tract, or if there is a dispute as to where the primary site was, this may prevent the claim from being categorized as an asbestos-related other cancer.

4. A claim for mesothelioma must be supported by a pathology report or operative report by a qualified physician indicating the nature of the malignancy to be mesothelioma.

The Trust maintains the right to request additional medical documentation for all individual claims.

Non-Expedited claims – See Additional Non-Expedited Medical Requirements.doc.