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Asbestos

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Evidence-based approach to classify carcinogens

IARC Preamble

[CurrentPreamble.pdf](#)

We should not wait to have more Thai people diagnosed as ARDs to consider that as “evidence”.

The evidence is already there!

IARC'S APPROACH



IARC Table of carcinogens by organs – sufficient and limited evidence

[Table4.pdf](#)

Asbestos (all forms) sufficient evidence – larynx, lung, mesothelium, ovary

Asbestos (all forms) limited evidence – pharynx, stomach, colon and rectum

ASBESTOS-RELATED CANCERS



- Ban all forms of asbestos
- Safe removal/ demolition of old buildings by certified persons
- Educate people nation-wide to reduce asbestos exposure
- Strengthen surveillance system for those exposed
- Strengthen medical management system for diagnosis and treatment of asbestos-related diseases

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?