



## **Asbestos and Cancers: Exposure from Neighboring Factories and Mines, Contaminated Soil, and Slate Roofs**

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### **Message from the Guest Editors**

Although occupational exposure levels have been well established, environmental exposures including neighboring exposure from asbestos mines and factories, naturally occurring asbestos near asbestos mines, and slate roofs have not been much studied. Because cancers caused by asbestos needs long latency period between 10 to 50 years, past exposure estimations from various non-occupational exposure routes are “special issues” for environmental epidemiology.

Cancer risks of non-occupational exposure might be studied by excessive cancer risks based on exposure estimation, and geographic information including cluster analysis, and big data linkage of nationwide health data. Studies of non-occupational exposure estimations, relationship study of cancers on asbestos, prediction of future incidence of asbestos related cancers, and comparison of compensation systems of non-occupational exposure will help researches, clinical people, and interest groups to want mitigating asbestos hazards.





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