Italian Study Finds Little-Known Mesothelioma Risk Among Dollmakers, According to Surviving Mesothelioma

Researchers say three dollmakers apparently died of pleural mesothelioma they contracted on the job.

Raleigh, NC (PRWEB) April 30, 2017 -- A report published in an Italian occupational medicine journal is drawing a link between cloth doll manufacturing and malignant pleural mesothelioma. Surviving Mesothelioma has just published an article on the new research. Click here to read it now.

The report details the cases of three women who died of pleural mesothelioma after working in two different doll factories.

“The occurrence of two mesothelioma cases in the same company out of the three here presented was suggesting an occupational exposure,” writes occupational medicine specialist Piertrogino Barbieri.

According to the report in the italian medical journal La Medicina Del Lavoro (Occupational Medicine), an extensive autopsy on one of the women confirmed their suspicions when it revealed a high concentration of amphibole asbestos fibers in her lungs.

“This study is just another reminder that the fact that a particular profession isn’t traditionally associated with asbestos exposure and mesothelioma does not mean the risk is not there,” says Alex Strauss, Managing Editor for Surviving Mesothelioma. “Sometimes, it takes a research study like this one to expose the danger.”

To read more about mesothelioma in dollmaking and other surprising professions, see Doll Making Linked to Pleural Mesothelioma, now available on the Surviving Mesothelioma website.


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