



CMF's Mesothelioma Health Network

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What is the Network & why do we need it?

What is it?

- Mesothelioma experts sharing their knowledge
- Repository of resources, tools and guidelines

Why do we need it?

- Patients and families often have no idea where to turn
 - may result in long delays in determining diagnosis or accessing treatment

What is the Network's mission?

To **address impediments** that mesothelioma patients experience by:

- **fostering communication** between health professionals
- **enabling** the **effective sharing** of information and expertise
- facilitating mechanisms for **effective patient referral**
- providing **education and training** to front-line health-care professionals

What have we achieved so far?

- Environmental scan
 - “current state” in Canada and abroad
- Scientific Advisory Committee
 - health professionals, scientists, and academics
- Modernization of CMF website
 - comprehensive inventory and assessment
 - creation of Network portal

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Welcome to the Canadian Mesothelioma Foundation

Founded in 2008, the Canadian Mesothelioma Foundation is a largely volunteer-run registered charity, dedicated to raising awareness and understanding about mesothelioma in Canada. Mesothelioma is a rare cancer that is almost exclusively linked to asbestos exposure. The CMF supports mesothelioma patients and their families, as well as the development of a network of expertise in mesothelioma diagnosis, treatment and care across Canada. Learn more about us [here](#).

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Mesothelioma Health Network

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Mesothelioma Health Network

The Mesothelioma Health Network is a network of health professionals which shares knowledge and expertise to strengthen the Canadian response to mesothelioma prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care. This network of clinicians, researchers and frontline healthcare providers is committed to changing the experience of mesothelioma patients and their families by increasing access to services, improving their trajectory of treatment and care, and moving scientific gains quickly into clinical and prevention practice.

The Mesothelioma Health Network also serves as a repository of resources, tools and guidelines, created and found useful by the Network members. Membership in the Network is open to clinicians, researchers, and healthcare professionals. Each approved Network member has full access to all the resources and CMF list-servs based on their topics of interest.

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In the October 2019 issue of the journal [EBioMedicine](#), researchers at the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) published findings of a new study on malignant pleural mesothelioma. According to a press release issued by IARC, the study "identified three sets of tumours with characteristic molecular features. These molecular profiles have the potential to inform the clinical management and treatment strategies for malignant pleural mesothelioma and improve the understanding of the carcinogenic processes that contribute to this lethal disease".








The article by [Nicolas Alcala et al.](#) is available online in full-text html at [https://www.ebiomedicine.com/article/S2352-3964\(19\)30601-2/fulltext](https://www.ebiomedicine.com/article/S2352-3964(19)30601-2/fulltext) or in downloadable PDF format at [https://www.ebiomedicine.com/article/S2352-3964\(19\)30604-8/pdf](https://www.ebiomedicine.com/article/S2352-3964(19)30604-8/pdf). In addition, there is a commentary by Ioannis S. Pateras on the research article entitled "[Refining classification of malignant pleural mesothelioma reveals its Achilles' heel](#)".

Copies of the IARC press release, the article by Alcala et al, and the commentary by Pateras are appended below.

 IARC Press Release - Oct 2019.pdf	41 KB
 Alcala et al - Refining MPM types as a continuum uncovers immune-vascular interactions.pdf	2.06 MB
 Pateras Commentary.pdf	226.81 KB

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Our vision for the Network

- More effective sharing of information
 - cutting-edge treatment approaches, clinical trials, and evidence-informed practice guidelines
- More rapid uptake of scientific gains
 - better clinical and prevention practice
- Better patient outcomes
 - increased access to services and diagnostic expertise
 - improved trajectories of treatment and care

To learn more & join the Network

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Thank you!

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