



Study Highlights Need For Increased Cancer Screening Among Men, According To New York Mesothelioma Lawyer

Males should follow women's example and get tested for cancer more frequently, says asbestos exposure attorney Joseph W. Belluck of New York's Belluck & Fox, LLP.

New York, NY ([PRWEB](#)) January 28, 2012 -- A recent study published in the [American Journal of Men's Health](#) showing that men are more reluctant than women to get screened for cancer highlights the need for increased cancer awareness efforts among males — particularly considering their higher death rate from the disease, according to [New York mesothelioma lawyer](#) Joseph Belluck.

“Men must take the time to get regular checkups that include simple cancer screening procedures. Getting at least X-rays is important. Their health — and lives — depends on it,” Belluck said.

Belluck's New York personal injury law firm, Belluck & Fox, LLP, focuses on [mesothelioma litigation](#).

The firm has secured more than \$450 million in compensation for its clients and their families, including mesothelioma verdicts of \$32 million and \$19.5 million in the Supreme Court of New York in August 2011 (Dummitt v. A.W. Chesterton, et al., No. 190196/10, and Konstantin v. 630 Third Avenue Associates, et al., No. 090134).

Belluck said his firm's work with mesothelioma clients has shown him what a key role early detection can play in a patient's prognosis. Mesothelioma is a lethal form of cancer. The only known cause of the disease is exposure to [asbestos fibers](#).

“Because so many men have worked in jobs that put them in contact with cancer-causing asbestos, it is crucial that they get regular health assessments, including appropriate X-rays and cancer tests,” Belluck said.

According to the results of the study, “Gender Differences in Cancer Screening Beliefs, Behaviors, and Willingness to Participate: Implications for Health Promotion,” men are less willing to be screened for cancer than women are. In fact, more than 40 percent of American males have never undergone cancer screening, as compared to just 5 percent of females.

The report cited a series of factors that could contribute to men's poor showing when it comes to getting screened for cancer. Some issues include:

- Women see health care providers more frequently than men;
- The media provide more coverage of cancers that affect women than they do cancers that affect men (for example, “mammography” is mentioned more often in news articles than “prostate specific antigen,” the test for prostate cancer);
- Women's cancers are the subject of more fundraisers, commercials and community awareness events; and
- The federal government focuses more on health issues that affect women, such as breast cancer, than



those that affect men.

The study did reveal some positive news: Men are more likely to agree to participate in cancer screenings after they have been provided with an explanation of the process.

“Most cancer screening techniques are not very invasive, and men should not be concerned about getting tested for the disease,” said Belluck, the New York City mesothelioma attorney.

He said that many of his clients are men who were exposed to cancer-causing asbestos fibers while working in fields such as construction, manufacturing, auto repair and the military (particularly Navy veterans). In addition to seeking medical treatment for asbestos-related cancers, Belluck stressed that it is crucial for victims to obtain qualified legal counsel.

“A highly skilled New York mesothelioma attorney can help asbestos victims secure their legal rights and pursue their options, including filing a personal injury lawsuit against the companies responsible for their disease,” he said.

About Belluck & Fox, LLP

[Belluck & Fox, LLP](#), is a nationally recognized law firm that represents individuals with asbestos and mesothelioma claims, as well as victims of crime, motorcycle crashes, lead paint and other serious injuries. The firm provides personalized and professional representation and has won over \$400 million in compensation for clients and their families.

Partner [Joseph W. Belluck](#) is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and is listed in Best Lawyers in America, New York Magazine’s “Best Lawyers in the New York Area” and in Super Lawyers. Mr. Belluck has won numerous cases involving injuries from defective medical products, tobacco, lead paint and asbestos, including a recent asbestos case that settled for more than \$12 million.

Partner [Jordan Fox](#) is a well-known asbestos and mesothelioma attorney who has been named to the Best Lawyers in America, New York Magazine’s “Best Lawyers in the New York Area” and to Super Lawyers. On two separate occasions his verdicts were featured as the National Law Journal’s Largest Verdict of the Year. He recently secured verdicts of \$32 million and more than \$19 million on behalf of individuals who had contracted mesothelioma from asbestos exposure.

In September, Belluck & Fox, LLP, won a coveted spot on a list of America's best law firms, which was published jointly by U.S. News & World Report and Best Lawyers magazine. The listing showcased 8,782 different law firms ranked in one or more of 81 major practice areas.

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