Asbestos related diseases are still a major issue. The WHO has estimated that worldwide 90,000 people die each year from mesothelioma, lung cancer and asbestosis. Although worldwide consumption of asbestos has decreased, consumption is increasing in many developing countries. The limited data available suggests that exposures may also be high in developing countries. Mesothelioma is still increasing in most European countries and in Japan, but has peaked in the U.S. and Sweden. Although the epidemic of asbestos related disease has or is expected to plateau in most of the developed world, little is known about the epidemic in developing countries. It is obvious that an increase in use by these countries will result in an increase in asbestos related diseases in the future.