

A recent study indicates that patients with malignant mesothelioma who have pre-surgery radiation treatments have a greatly improved survival rate after the surgery.

While the treatment of mesothelioma remains extremely challenging, and the prognosis remains difficult to predict, this treatment option provides hope of improving quality of life for years in patients suffering from the cancer that is considered a "signal tumor" for asbestos exposure. In the past, mesothelioma patients were generally told they had between six and eighteen months to live. In recent years, many advancements have been made in developing more effective treatments for mesothelioma, though there is still a long way to go in trying to find a cure for the aggressive cancer caused by inhalation of asbestos fibers.

[Read more details about the study results here.](#)