

Cancer Incidence and Birthweight in Relation to Exposure to Raymark Waste (November 1998)

*Abstract*

This study looked at the association of living near properties contaminated with Raymark waste with certain types of cancer and low birthweight. The incidence in Stratford of bladder cancer, mesothelioma (cancer of the lining around the lungs and other organs), testicular cancer, and early-onset cancer (any cancer in individuals under 25) was compared to the incidence of these types of cancers in the state of Connecticut. All cancers had been diagnosed between 1968 and 1991. No trend was found for testicular cancer, mesothelioma, or early-onset cancer, but bladder cancer was slightly elevated among those who lived closer to Raymark waste, especially for women. Low birthweight was not found to be associated with living close to Raymark waste.