



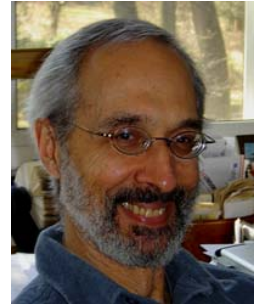
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GRAND ROUNDS LECTURE SERIES

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**"Corporate Liability Defense Strategy Interferes with
Public Health: Power Politics, Science for Sale, and
Warning Mechanics about Asbestos Hazards."**

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Dr. Castleman's first efforts to warn brake mechanics about asbestos hazards were in 1972, as an official of the Baltimore County Division of Air Pollution and Industrial Hygiene, before any of the manufacturers of brake and clutch friction elements were complying with the OSHA asbestos standard requiring caution labels on these products. These efforts were later expanded to include outreach in Washington DC, with participation of officials from the District of Columbia Department of Human Resources and the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in New York (B. I. Castleman et al., "Hazards of Asbestos for Brake Mechanics," *Publ. Health Rep.* 90: 254-256, 1975). Starting in 1976, Dr. Castleman began historical research for lawyers representing plaintiffs in asbestos personal injury litigation, and have testified as an expert witness in such cases since 1979. Dr. Castleman has also been a consultant to federal agencies on asbestos and other subjects, including EPA, OSHA, FTC, CPSC, the Department of Justice, and the Congress' Office of Technology Assessment. Dr. Castleman wrote his doctoral thesis on the public health and corporate history of asbestos in this country and the world, and this has been published and repeatedly revised in a text cited by the US government in submission to the World Trade Organization and by numerous courts as a learned treatise (B. I. Castleman, *Asbestos: Medical and Legal Aspects*, 5th Ed., Aspen, New York, 2005). Dr. Castleman has also been a consultant to international organizations including the International Labor Organization, the UN Center on Transnational Corporations, the European Commission, and the World Bank.

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245 N. 15th St., Phila., PA
Live videoconferencing to Queen Lane
Microbiology/Immunology Conference Room

Learning Objectives:

- to better understand how public health information may be distorted or incorrectly put forward
 - to acquaint physicians with the potential adversarial nature of work in occupational health
 - to analyze the role of Federal public health agencies responsible for worker protection (OSHA) and environmental health (EPA)
- Target Audience:** Public health professionals, physicians, and health care practitioners.

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