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However, researchers at the University of Vermont Cancer Center and Wake Forest Medical School have identified a new therapeutic approach that is causing considerable optimism. Researchers discovered that tumor cells produce a lot of waste and that the cells must dispose of it or it can become toxic to the tumor and kill it. The new drug is designed to inhibit a tumor cell's ability to manage its toxic waste. Researchers noted that it is basically “like putting a potato into the toilet.” The tumor cells choke on their own exhaust.

While the research has been centered around mesothelioma, there is considerable data to suggest the therapy could work on other cancers as well. Clinical trials are underway throughout the United Kingdom and may move to the U.S. in 2022.

Drunk driver flips vehicle causing extensive injuries to passenger

Our client was a passenger in a vehicle traveling on a country road in Sandusky Township, Ohio. The driver had been drinking and was operating the vehicle at a speed of approximately 140 mph. The driver lost control of the vehicle, drove off the roadway, struck a fence, and careened through a ditch causing the vehicle to flip multiple times before striking a utility pole. Our client was life-flighted to Eriez Hospital. He suffered a broken back and underwent a spinal fusion which required placement of two metal rods. Our office is pursuing a claim against the driver of the vehicle.

Mail Carrier Hospitalized for Several Days after a Dog Attack

Our client was working as a postal carrier and was delivering mail in Swanton, Ohio. As he was walking his normal route, a dog which was not on a leash, ran off a porch post and attacked the mail carrier’s hand and chest. The client was taken to the hospital by EMS.

Cheese Ball

1 small onion or 2 to 3 green onions, chopped
2 packages of cream cheese, softened
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INGREDIENTS:

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1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
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