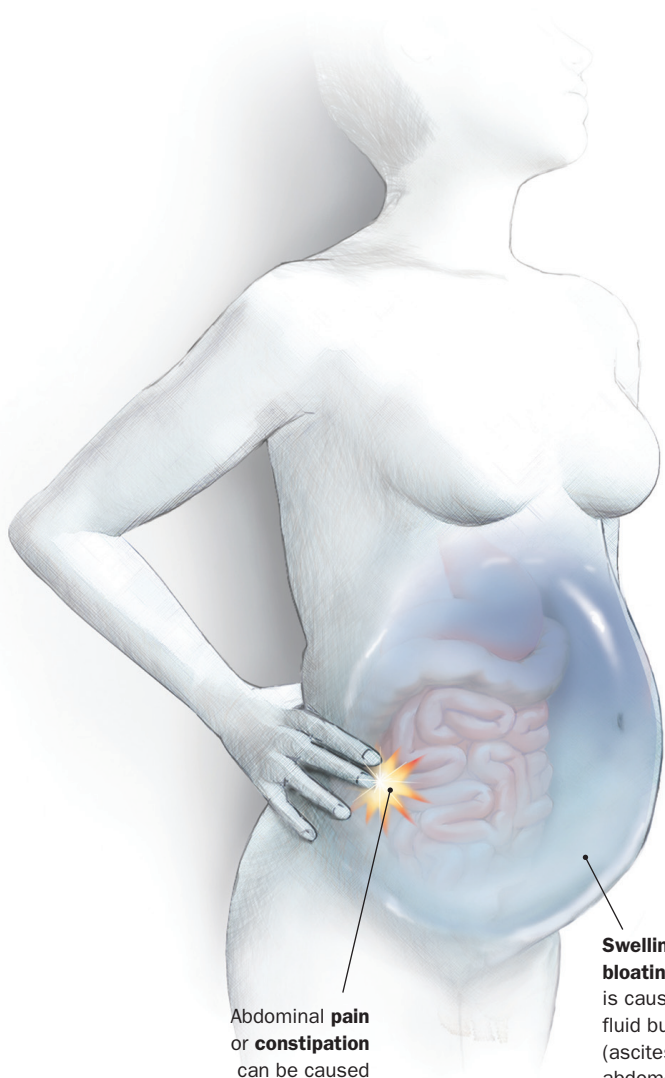


# Symptoms of Peritoneal Mesothelioma

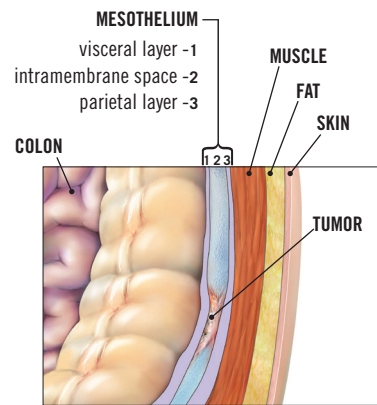
As the tumors of peritoneal mesothelioma progress inside the lining of the abdomen, several symptoms may occur.



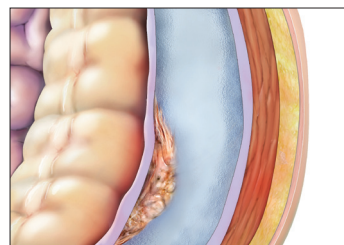
Abdominal **pain** or **constipation** can be caused by a tumor obstructing part of the bowel.

**Swelling, bloating** or **pain** is caused by fluid buildup (ascites) in the abdomen.

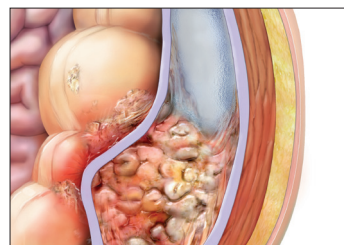
**Disease Progression** > While no established staging system exists at this time for peritoneal mesothelioma, here is how the disease may progress.



Tumor begins in the lining (mesothelium) covering the abdomen's internal organs. The tumor causes a thickening and an irritation of the lining.



Tumor expands and results in fluid buildup in the abdomen.



Tumor grows and penetrates the bowel, which can cause bowel obstruction and pain.