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Do Pesticides Cause Lymphoma?

This question is often asked by people who call our Foundation. They want to know — why did I get lymphoma? Where does it come from? What can I do to keep it from coming back?

The causes of cancer are complex and not altogether known. There are many things to consider: our heredity, viruses, our exposures to toxic substances in the environment (including chemicals that can cause cancer) and other factors. Anyone who could answer this question with certainty would surely win the Nobel Prize in Medicine.



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And yet, there is so much we do know. Over the years, many researchers have done studies to see if pesticides cause lymphoma. Although they do not all agree, many scientists believe this is a serious problem.

We began our Pesticides Research Project last year. Our goal was to look at the worldwide medical and scientific literature on the subject of lymphoma and pesticides. During that year, many of you told us that you, too, wanted to know more about these studies.

We are pleased to make available to you this **Research Report**, which describes the most widely regarded studies on lymphoma and pesticides. We encourage you to use our **Research Report** as a first step in your own research. Because our Pesticides Research Project is ongoing, we welcome your comments and suggestions.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Belita H. Cowan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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