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<p>Lung disease caused by chronic silica exposure</p>	<p>Silica is metal found in sand, rock & mineral ores (quartz)</p>	<p>Occupational exposure affects 2 million US workers</p>	<p>Responsible for 100 deaths each year in the US</p>
<p>Risk factors include exposure to mining, glass manufacturing & foundry work</p>	<p>Symptoms are cough, breathing difficulty, weight loss, fever & fatigue</p>	<p>Diagnosed by radiological examination</p>	<p>Treated with supplemental oxygen</p>
<p>There is no cure for silicosis, but it can be prevented</p>	<p>Complications are fibrosis of lungs & breathing difficulty</p>	<p>Misdiagnosed as pulmonary edema, pneumonia, or tuberculosis</p>	

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