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**Comments**

I worked for IBM, but in \_\_\_\_\_, New York. I was a \_\_\_\_\_ . One of my assignments was to maintain a piece of equipment that contained heated trichlorethelene. This was used to develop the photo resist that was placed on printed circuit boards at IBM Endicott. Occasionally the mechanism that carried the exposed boards through the heated vapor of tri-clor, would come off the chain sprockets. It was our job to replace the chains on the drive mechanism. I noticed, every time we worked on the machine, we'd have to go outside to clear our heads. During this time I developed bladder cancer. At the hospital, I was told by the nurses and doctors that it was very unusual for a \_\_\_\_\_ year old to have this disease. Lucky enough it was removed and I had only one occurrence where the doctors saw abnormal cells. My bladder was scrapped and I have been bladder cancer free since. I have been recently diagnosed with prostate cancer. Because of promotions and the closing of the developing line. I wasn't exposed to the tri-clor as much as previous to my hospitalization. Years after the incident, I was reading that tri-clor was a carcinogen and always felt that this was probably the cause of my bladder cancer.