PART 19 Disorders Associated with Environmental Exposures

High-altitude pulmonary hypertension is also a subacute disease of long-term high-altitude residents. Unlike Monge's disease, this syndrome is characterized primarily by pulmonary hypertension (not erythrocytosis) leading to heart failure. Indian soldiers living at extreme altitudes for prolonged periods and Han Chinese infants born

in Tibet have presented with the adult and infantile forms, respectively. High-altitude pulmonary hypertension bears a striking pathophysiologic resemblance to brisket disease in cattle. Descent to a lower altitude is curative.