

Additional Environmental Health History for Suspected Lead Poisoning

Issues to Discuss with Family	Comments
Absence or presence of clinical symptoms	Early symptoms may include developmental delay, speech impairment, or behavior disorder
Child's mouthing activity	May be appropriate in infants and toddlers
Condition of household pets	Pets with lead poisoning may have vomiting, diarrhea, weakness and ataxia
Nutritional status – especially iron and calcium intake	Low iron enhances lead absorption
Hobbies of family members	
Family and maternal history of lead poisoning	
Visits to homes, babysitters, daycare facilities, and schools built before 1960	Children under 3 years at greatest risk
Previous blood lead measurements	

Adapted from CDC Preventing Lead Poisoning in Young Children:

<http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/publications/books/plpyc/chapter7.htm#Symptoms> and from Agency for Toxic Substances

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