

7th November, 1955.

Dr. Robert A. Kehoe,
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Dear Dr. Kehoe,

I am writing to ask if you would be good enough to help me with some advice and information.

It relates to lead-poisoning; and it is my intention to make a follow-up study of cases treated at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children, Sydney, in recent years. The question of diagnosis in fresh cases will also arise.

During my term as a Senior Resident at the Children's Hospital, Cincinnati this past academic year, frequent use was of course made of estimations of the blood-lead level. However it is unfortunately not possible at present to have such estimations made at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children. It seemed to me that this particular test offered perhaps the single most important objective guide to the presence or absence of lead intoxication and that therefore it would be most worthwhile to set it up here if that were feasible. At the moment urinary lead estimations alone are done.

I understand that one of the main pitfalls

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in the technic of estimation, is that of ensuring lead-free apparatus. On this, and on other aspects of the matter, I shall be very glad of your opinion, sir.

Yours sincerely,



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