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Dear Doctor Kehoe:

In several recent cases of plumbism in children admitted here I've been impressed with the marked iron deficiency type of anemia that they had. It was probably due in some way to the lead because the usual contributing factors as infection, & "hunger."

Supposedly anemia & altho these children also had polychromasia, stippling and reticulocytes the hypochromasia stood out. The only clue that I could find in regard to the possible etiology was an Journal 36, 384, 1937 des protoporphyrin blocking effect by lead.

As I am well aware of your great interest in lead poisoning I turn to you for any information, references, etc pertaining to the anemia associated

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with lead poisoning - particularly the iron deficiency type. Most general discussions of plumbism are so vague as to the type of anemia + its mechanism. I have read Anti's paper on medicine - but he does not go into the discussion of the iron deficiency state.

Many thanks for any help you can give me.

Very truly yours,

Leonard Apt, M.D.