



HEALTH MAINTENANCE

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TO ALL MEDICAL DIRECTORS:

Lead exposures are so rapidly becoming serious that at the risk of "preaching" we are sending you Bulletin #8, which bears considerable resemblance to a Health Maintenance Letter we sent you in April 1947. We hope you will read this carefully and unless you have your lead exposures under control as evidenced by lead analysis of blood or urine specimens, we urge that you act promptly.

Our prolonged uninterrupted exposure to lead - the longest in the history of automobile manufacture - is threatening to catch up with us unless all of us, medical, safety, and industrial hygiene personnel, as well as management, take immediate action to bring any excessive exposures under control by engineering measures or by transfer. We cannot permit people to continue working indefinitely in an environment that causes high levels of lead absorption and hope to avoid lead poisoning. If you want our help on the job or if you need specimen containers, let us know.

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