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Dear Sir,

I am a third year medical student at the Univ. of Pittsburgh. A patient has recently been assigned to me who has manifested bilateral wrist weakness and vague abdominal complaints. In presenting her, I suggested lead poisoning as a possible diagnosis. Although it wasn't greeted very warmly, I'd still like to pursue this idea further. I read your fine discussion of the subject in "Cecil + Loeb" and was particularly interested when I came across the fact that "cosmetic powders + hair dyes" can be a source of lead. My patient happens to have had unusual exposure to these recently. I wonder if you could recommend some literature or perhaps you know specifically, the kinds of products in the cosmetic + dye industry that have Pb.

Sincerely yours,
C. Jack Bark