

Exposure to Lead - Kehoe
Recognition and Prevention of Lead Poisoning - Kehoe
A Critical Appraisal of Current Practices in the Clinical Diagnosis of Lead
Intoxication - Kehoe

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My dear Mr. Shamberg:

I am complying with your request that I send you some of the published work of this Laboratory on lead poisoning, and I am also recommending that you purchase a copy of a publication of the American Public Health Association which covers the subject broadly. I give you the title of the publication and the address of the Association below. This publication will be of greater use to you than the individual articles, since it represents a deliberate intention to put together the most pertinent matters of general information for the use of physicians. It is essentially up to date except for the section on therapy, which is now, in some respects, obsolete.

I cannot refrain from giving you a word of advice, however. You are evidently concerned with a problem of diagnosis. This, of course, is the province of a physician, and therefore if your case has not been handled by a competent physician at the proper time, you and your client are in trouble. In general, the diagnosis of lead poisoning is not very difficult to make or to rule out for either clinical or legal purposes, if the proper things are done at the right time. An occasional, unusual case may give trouble, but in my experience, the controversial cases are those that have not been handled properly at the outset. The most important aspect of the matter, legally, is that of proving or disproving the significance of the exposure. If your man has been out of exposure for a long time, it may be impossible to establish the facts now, but if his exposure terminated only recently, appropriate analytical tests should be made promptly.

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Very truly yours,

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