

*From the desk of Dr. William C. Wilentz*

Comment

There has been an addition to the therapeutic treatment of lead absorption and intoxication, a preparation known as EDTA which is known as a chelating agent- this neutralizes the lead in the circulation and body tissues.

Many men in this field use this preparation a great deal and justify its usage and apparently get good results as it is considered a deleading process. I do not approve of deleading.

I use it very sparingly both in hospital cases as well as ambulatory cases.

I have never been convinced that this preparation is as good a therapeutic agent as calcium neocalgluconate intravenously.

It is still my opinion after all these years of observation and treatment of actual cases of lead absorption and lead poisoning that if these cases are treated early and aggressively, no permanent disability will result.