



Dear Health Care Provider,

You play a critical role in the early detection and prevention of childhood lead poisoning. We are providing you with this folder to give you the tools needed to increase blood lead level testing in children. Inside you will find:

- How to Use this Toolkit
- Lead Fact Sheets
- Lead Law Update Card
- Medical Management Flip Chart
- Information from the City of Nashua

Who is at risk?

Every child is at risk for lead poisoning and every child should be tested at ages 1 and 2, as should children ages 3 to 6 who have not previously been tested.

What are the risks?

Lead is highly toxic. Lead poisoning can harm the brain, damage speech and hearing, and result in learning and behavior problems. Children in our region are at particular risk, since the most common source of childhood lead poisoning is lead paint in older homes, and over 50% of the homes in the Greater Nashua Public Health Region were built before lead paint was banned in 1978.

It's the law.

As of April 2018, New Hampshire became a universal testing state, requiring that all health care providers conduct blood lead level tests for all 1 and 2 year olds. We also recommend testing for 3 to 6 year olds who have not been tested.



What can you do?

- Ask parents/caregivers if their children have had blood lead testing recently.
- Provide parents/caregivers with handouts and information on why blood lead testing is important.
- Understand and act on the changes to NH State Law.

Respectfully,

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