

LEAD EXPOSURE RISK QUESTIONNAIRE

Child's **First** Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Lead is a metal that is found all around us. We now know lead exposure and ingestion can cause serious medical problems. Lead that gets into the body can have long-term severe effects, especially in young children. Lead poisoning has been known to cause seizures, brain damage, learning disabilities, intestinal disturbances, and anemia in children.

We screen all children for lead poisoning. Children at low risk for lead poisoning are tested once a year from age 9 months until age 3 years. Children considered high risk for lead poisoning are screened every 6 months between the age of 6 months and 5 years.

Please review the following criteria and check off any that might apply to your child:

- | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | Does your child |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Live in housing or regularly visit a house <i>with peeling or chipping paint or plaster</i> built before 1978? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Live near an active lead smelter, battery recycling plant, or other industry likely to release lead? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Live with an adult whose job or hobby involves exposure to lead? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Have a brother or sister, housemate, or playmate being followed or treated for lead poisoning? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Live in or regularly visit a house built before 1978 <i>with recent, ongoing, or planned renovation or remodeling?</i> |

It is important that you inform us if any of the conditions listed above exist in your home at the present time. If, at some future time, your situation changes, it is also important that you notify us so that more frequent tests can be obtained.

Today's Date