

WISCONSIN BLOOD LEAD SCREENING RECOMMENDATIONS

| | |
|---|---|
| <p>Ask each family the "4 Easy Questions" at each well-child visit between the ages of 6 months through 5 years.</p> <p>A clinic site that serves many children who are enrolled in Medicaid or WIC, are uninsured or underinsured may choose not to ask the "4 Easy Questions" and simply obtain a blood lead test on all children at the recommended ages (see below). If a child that does not routinely receive preventive health care is seen for any reason at a clinic site, include an assessment for lead and immunization status and provide needed services.</p> | <p>"4 Easy Questions":</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the child now live in or visit a house or building built before 1950? Have they ever in the past? (include places such as day care, home of friends, grandparents or other relatives)? Answer of "yes" or "don't know" indicates risk of exposure. 2. Does the child now live in or visit a house or building built before 1978 with recent or ongoing renovations? Have they lived in such a building in the past (include places such as day care, home of friends, grandparents or other relatives)? Answer of "yes" or "don't know" indicates risk of exposure. 3. Does the child have a brother, sister, or playmate who has been diagnosed with lead poisoning? Answer of "yes" indicates risk of exposure. 4. Is the child enrolled in (or eligible for) Medicaid or WIC? Answer of "yes" indicates risk of exposure. State and federal Medicaid policies require lead testing of all Medicaid children at around ages 12 and 24 months and between 36-72 months if no previous test documented. |
| <p>Obtain a blood lead test at ages 1 and 2 years</p> | <p>✓ If any answer to the 4 Easy Questions indicates a risk of exposure</p> |
| <p>Obtain a blood lead test if at ages 12, 18, & 24 months</p> | <p>✓ If the child lives in the city of Milwaukee or Racine.</p> |
| <p>Obtain a blood lead test from a child between the ages of 3-5 years with no documented blood lead test</p> | <p>✓ If any answer to the 4 Easy Questions indicates a risk of exposure</p> <p>✓ If the child is enrolled in Medicaid or WIC</p> |
| <p>Obtain a blood lead test annually from a child at ages 3, 4, and 5 years:</p> | <p>✓ If the child is enrolled in Medicaid, WIC, or is uninsured and lives in the cities of Milwaukee or Racine</p> |

Source: "A Wisconsin Physician's Guide to Blood Lead Screening & Treatment of Lead Poisoning in Children", November, 2000