

Medical history

Ask parents or guardians about...

- ◆ Symptoms
- ◆ Developmental history
- ◆ Mouthing activities
- ◆ Pica
- ◆ Previous blood lead level measurements
- ◆ Family history of lead poisoning

Environmental history

Ask parent or guardian about...

- ◆ Condition of primary residence (age, remodeling, repainting)
- ◆ Condition of secondary residences (grandparents), day care centers, churches
- ◆ Occupational and hobby history of adults with whom the child spends time.
- ◆ Other local sources of potential lead exposure

Nutritional history

- ◆ Take a dietary history
- ◆ Evaluate the child's iron level using laboratory tests
- ◆ Inquire about WIC program participation and food stamps

Physical examination

- ◆ Pay particular attention to the neurologic examination and to the child's psychosocial and language development.