

**References**

1. Abelsohn AR, Sanborn M. Lead and children. Clinical management for family physicians. *Can Fam Physician* 2010;56:531-5.
2. Heard MJ, Chamberlain AC. Uptake of Pb by human skeleton and comparative metabolism of Pb and alkaline earth elements. *Health Phys* 1984;47(6):857-65.
3. Manton WI, Angle CR, Stanek KL, Reese YR, Kuehnemann TJ. Acquisition and retention of lead by young children. *Environ Res* 2000;82(1):60-80.
4. Somervaille LJ, Chettle DR, Scott MC, Tennant DR, McKiernan MJ, Skilbeck A, et al. In vivo tibia lead measurements as an index of cumulative exposure in occupationally exposed subjects. *Br J Ind Med* 1988;45(3):174-81.
5. Roy MM, Gordon CL, Beaumont LF, Chettle DR, Webber CE. Further experience with bone lead content measurements in Southern Ontario. *Appl Radiat Isot* 1997;48(3):391-6.
6. Health Canada [website]. *Lead exposure among Canadians: a pilot study*. Ottawa, ON: Health Canada; 2010. Available from: [www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/contaminants/lead-plomb/pilot\\_pilote-eng.php](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/contaminants/lead-plomb/pilot_pilote-eng.php). Accessed 2010 Oct 8.
7. Rosen JF, Markowitz ME, Bijur PE, Jenks ST, Wielopolski L, Kalef-Ezra JA, et al. Sequential measurements of bone lead content by L x-ray fluorescence in CaNa2EDTA-treated lead-toxic children. *Environ Health Perspect* 1991;93:271-7.

**Response**

The letter from Payne et al<sup>1</sup> is a very useful addition to our article,<sup>2</sup> in terms of diagnosis and workup of suspected lead exposure.

In our article, as Payne and colleagues correctly suggest, we focus on prevention and the detection of problems in children younger than 2 years of age—the most vulnerable group. Payne and colleagues confirm

our assertion that blood lead level is the best widely available measure of lead exposure. We keenly await the results of their current research on noninvasive K x-ray fluorescence, which if found to be useful as a clinical tool to measure bone body burden, especially in children, will be a very useful addition to the clinical tool kit.

—Alan R. Abelsohn MBChB CCFP FCFP

—Margaret Sanborn MD CCFP FCFP  
Toronto, Ont

**References**

1. Payne M, Egden LM, Behinaein S, Chettle DR, McNeill FE, Webber CE. Bone lead measurement [Letters]. *Can Fam Physician* 2010;56:1110-2.
2. Abelsohn AR, Sanborn M. Lead and children. Clinical management for family physicians. *Can Fam Physician* 2010;56:531-5.

**Correction**

In the August 2010 Motherisk Update,<sup>1</sup> reference numbers 15 and 16 are in the wrong order. The references should have appeared as follows:

15. Scialli AR. Paroxetine exposure during pregnancy and cardiac malformations. *Birth Defects Res A Clin Mol Teratol* 2010;88(3):175-7.
16. Bérard A. Paroxetine exposure during pregnancy and the risk of cardiac malformations: what is the evidence? *Birth Defects Res A Clin Mol Teratol* 2010;88(3):171-4.

**Reference**

1. Einaron A. Paroxetine use in pregnancy and increased risk of heart defects. *Can Fam Physician* 2010;56:767-8.

**Make your views known!**

To comment on a particular article, open the article at [www.cfp.ca](http://www.cfp.ca) and click on the **Rapid Responses** link on the right-hand side of the page. Rapid Responses are usually published online within 1 to 3 days and might be selected for publication in the next print edition of the journal. To submit a letter not related to a specific article published in the journal, please e-mail [letters.editor@cfpc.ca](mailto:letters.editor@cfpc.ca).

...

**Faites-vous entendre!**

Pour exprimer vos commentaires sur un article en particulier, ouvrez l'article à [www.cfp.ca](http://www.cfp.ca) et cliquez sur le lien **Rapid Responses** à droite de la page. Les réponses rapides sont habituellement publiées en ligne dans un délai de 1 à 3 jours et elles peuvent être choisies pour publication dans le prochain numéro imprimé de la revue. Si vous souhaitez donner une opinion qui ne concerne pas spécifiquement un article de la revue, veuillez envoyer un courriel à [letters.editor@cfpc.ca](mailto:letters.editor@cfpc.ca).

