

CLOSING GAPS IN CARE

Filter paper lead screening: Increase compliance with in-office collections



The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 500,000 US children suffer from levels of lead above the reference level at which public action is recommended.¹ Lead poisoning may affect children of all socioeconomic levels² and may occur without obvious symptoms. An in-office finger stick collection may help offices increase their lead poisoning screening rates.

Labcorp offers a comprehensive set of testing options for lead exposure.

The filter paper lead screening service is an example of Labcorp's commitment to improving health and improving lives. The convenient, in-office screening can aid in getting more patients appropriately screened. It is a perfect complement to Labcorp's traditional venous collections.

Simple

- Screenings may be performed with two drops of blood from a finger stick during a routine office visit
- May be less invasive and traumatic for a child than a venous collection
- No spinning, refrigeration, or phlebotomist required
- Reports are available via fax, secure website or EMR

Accurate

- State-of-the-art technology assures timely and accurate results
- Samples are stable for up to 6 months
- Labcorp meets state reporting requirements for lead screening results

Cost-effective

- Collection supplies and specimen shipment are included
- Labcorp files claims with Medicaid and most major insurance companies.
- No equipment to purchase or maintain

Test Name	Test No.	Supply No.
Lead, Blood, Filter paper	791280	107973

References

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