

Screening Tool for Lead Exposure in Pregnant Migrant Women

The following questions are suggested to determine if a pregnant woman is at risk for current high dose exposure to lead. They are adapted from other risk assessment questionnaires and are appropriate for migrant or immigrant women. Translations are provided for those who are Spanish speakers. [See MCN Lead Guidelines for Pregnant Women for additional information]

Were you born, or have you spent any time, outside of the United States? Yes No

¿Usted nació o estuvo algún tiempo fuera de los Estados Unidos? Sí No

During the past 12 months, did you use any imported health remedies, spices, foods, ceramics, or cosmetics? Yes No

¿En los últimos 12 meses, ha usado cosas importadas como ollas o platos hechas de cerámica, remedios caseros, cosméticos, comidas? Sí No

At any time during your pregnancy, did you eat, chew on, or mouth non-food items such as clay, crushed pottery, soil, or paint chips? Yes No

¿Durante este embarazo, ha comido o masticado algunas cosas como barro, cerámica, tierra o pedazos de pintura? Sí No

In the last 12 months, has there been any renovation or repair work in your home or apartment building? Yes No

¿Durante los últimos 12 meses había trabajo de reparaciones en su casa o apartamento? Sí No

Have you or anyone in your family ever had a job or hobby that involved possible lead exposure, such as home renovation or working with glass, ceramics, or jewelry? Yes No

¿Ha tenido un trabajo que incluye el plomo como trabajo de reparaciones caseras, trabajo con vidrio, cerámica, o joyería, o alguien de su familia? Sí No

If the woman answers “yes” to any of the screening questions, she is at risk for lead exposure, and should have a blood lead test. Testing is not recommended for women who are not at risk.