



Los Angeles County Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

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TRADITIONAL REMEDIES AND OTHER PRODUCTS REPORTED TO CONTAIN LEAD

NAME	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	CLAIMED MEDICINAL USE
Region: Latin America (i.e. Mexico, Dominican Republic, etc.)		
Albayalde, Albayaidle (<i>white powder</i>)	Mexico / Central America	Empacho (vomiting, colic), apathy, and lethargy
Alarcon, Azarcon, Coral Luiga, Liga, Maria Luisa, Rueda (<i>red-orange powder</i>)	Mexico	Empacho (vomiting, colic)
Litargirio (<i>yellow powder</i>)	Dominican Republic	Deodorant, foot fungicide, burn treatment, wound healing
Greta (<i>yellow powder</i>)	Mexico	Empacho
Region: Asia & South Asia (i.e. China, Laos, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, etc.)		
Asian Tongue Powder	Asia	Tonic; absorbs toxins
Some Ayurvedic Remedies (<i>esp. some herbal metal-mineral preparations</i>)	India / Pakistan / Sri Lanka / Burma / Bhutan / Mongolia / Tibet / Vietnam	Tonic; infertility, diabetes, joint pains, asthma, and many other medical conditions
Ba Bow Sen (<i>Ba Baw San</i>)	China	Colic pain or to pacify young children
Bali Goli (<i>Sometimes dissolved in gripe water</i>)	Asia / India	Stomach ache
Chuifong Tokuwan	Asia	Arthritis for adults
Cordyceps	China	Herbal medicine treatment for hypertension, diabetes, bleeding
Deshi Dewa	Asia / India	Fertility
Ghasard (<i>brown powder</i>)	India	Given as a tonic to aid in digestion
Hai Ge Fen	Asia	Unknown
Jin Bu Huan	China	An herbal medicine used to relieve pain
Kandu (<i>red powder</i>)	Asia / India	Stomach ache
Kohl, Kajal, Al-Kahl, Surma, Saott (<i>black powder</i>)	India / Pakistan / Middle East / Africa	Cosmetic; astringent for eye injuries and umbilical stump, teething powder
Koo Sar Pills	Asia	Menstrual Cramps
Kushta	India / Pakistan	Diseases of the heart, brain, liver, and stomach. Aphrodisiac, tonic
Pay-loo-ah (<i>red powder</i>)	Lao (Hmong) / Vietnam	Fever, rash
Po Ying Tan	China	An herbal medicine used to relief fever, common cold, nausea and vomiting, or sore throat in children
Pushpadhanwa	India	Fertility
Sindoor (<i>orange or red powder</i>)	India	Cosmetic; used in some traditional South Asian ceremonies – applied to the forehead or scalp or sprinkled on religious statues
Region: Middle East (i.e. Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Iraq, etc.)		
Alkohol	Middle East	Topical medical preparation; applied to umbilical stump
Al Murrh	Saudi Arabia	Colic, stomach aches, diarrhea
Anzroot	Middle East	Gastroenteritis
Bint al Zahab, Bint, Bent Dahab	Oman / Saudi Arabia / Iran / India	Diarrhea, colic, constipation, and general neonatal use
Bokhoor (<i>noqa</i>)	Kuwait	Wood and lead sulfide burned on charcoal to produce pleasant fumes and calm infants
Cebagin	Middle East	Teething powder
Farouk	Saudi Arabia	Teething powder
Henna dye with lead acetate	Middle East	Hair and skin dye
Kohl, Kajal, Al-Kahl, Surma, Saott (<i>black powder</i>)	India / Pakistan / Middle East / Africa	Cosmetic; astringent for eye injuries and umbilical stump, teething powder
Lozena (<i>bright orange powder</i>)	Iraq	Food coloring (rice & meat)
Santrinj (<i>red powder</i>)	Saudi Arabia	Teething powder
Other Products: Spices and Other Food Products Sometimes get Contaminated with Lead		
Chapulines	Mexico	Delicacy; Grasshoppers (fried with chili powder)
Chili	Mexico & Other Regions	Chili powder used in imported candies or food
Paprika	Hungary / Republic of Georgia	Food spice
Tamarindo (<i>in lead-glazed containers</i>)	Mexico	Fruit; Often used in chili candy or powdered seasoning
Turmeric	South Asia & Middle East	Food spice or remedy