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Make sure you check out the new Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention website weekly. We are constantly adding new information to it.

<http://fcs.tennessee.edu/healthsafety/lead.htm>

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## "2006 National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week"

This year, Lead Prevention week is October 22 through October 29. If you should need any publications, material or ideas, please don't hesitate to contact me. If you have a presentation or booth, take a picture or send me a write-up and I'll put it in the next newsletter highlighting your activity and county. Last year, we had many agents across the state write an article for their local newspaper or spoke on radio/TV. Let's see if we can increase the awareness for the 100% preventable disease.

## "Lead in Folk Medicine"

In this newsletter, I would like to focus on lead in folk medicine. There is a publication (SP-605C) on this, but I wanted to share more information about this topic.

-**Azarcon** also known as alarcon, coral, luiga, maria luisa or rueda. Bright orange powder used to treat empacho (an illness believed to be caused by something stuck in the gastrointestinal tract, resulting in diarrhea and vomiting. Azarcon is 95% lead.

-**Ayurvedic medicine** (Tibet) unnamed traditional medicine.

-**Ba-Baw-San** (China) herbal medicine used to treat colic pain or to pacify young children.

-**Bala Goli** a round, flat, black bean dissolved in "gripe water" and used for stomachache.

-**Bint Al Zahab** (Iran) rock ground into a powder and mixed with honey and butter given to newborn babies for colic and early passage of meconium after birth.

-**Bint Dahab** (Saudi Arabia; mean daughter of gold) a yellow lead oxide used by local jewelers and as a home remedy.

-**Bakhoor** (Kuwait) a traditional practice of burning wood and lead sulphide to produce pleasant fumes to calm infants.

-**Ghasard** brown powder used as a tonic to aid in digestion.

-**Greta** (Mexico) yellow powder used to treat empacho; can be obtained through pottery suppliers, as it is also used as a glaze for low-fired ceramics. Greta is 97% lead.

-**Jin Bu Huan** (China) an herbal medicine used to relieve pain.

-**Kandu** a red powder used to treat stomachache.

-**Kohl** (Alkohol) a powder used both as a cosmetic eye makeup and applied to skin infections and the navel of a newborn child.

-**Pay-loolah** (Vietnam) a red powder given to children to cure fever or rash.

-**Po ying Tan** (China) an herbal medicine used to treat minor ailments in children.

-**Santrinj** (Saudi Arabia) an amorphous red powder containing 98% lead oxide used principally as a primer for paint for metallic surfaces, but also as a home remedy for "gum boils" and "teething."

-**Surma** (India) black powder used as a cosmetic and as teething powder.

-**Tibetan herbal vitamin** used to strengthen the brain.

-**Traditional Saudi medicine** orange powder prescribed by a traditional medicine practitioner for teething; also has an antidiarrheal effect.