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Quotes regarding:

CDC's New Guidance on Lead Screening

“CDC's new guidance should result in an increase in screening of children who are at risk for lead exposure, while decreasing unnecessary screening of children who are not exposed to lead.”

Ruth A. Etzel, M.D., Ph.D.

Chair

Committee on Environmental Health

American Academy of Pediatrics

“Lead is a local problem and it requires local solutions. This new guidance provides communities with a clear road map for focusing their public health efforts where they are most needed.”

Susan K. Cummins, MD, MPH

Chair, CDC's Advisory Committee on Lead Poisoning Prevention

Chief, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch, California Department of Health Services

“The new recommendations for targeted lead screening restore secondary prevention efforts to their proper role in detecting lead poisoning among at-risk children and as a guidance for primary prevention efforts. They will ask of public health officers and providers a rigorous and more scientific approach to the problem of childhood lead poisoning prevention. These recommendations are a progressive and scientific approach fully in keeping with the long CDC tradition of careful

and reasoned approaches to solving public health problems. The CDC should be strongly supported by all with a commitment to solving the problem of childhood lead poisoning.”

J. Routt Reigart, M.D., FAAP

Professor of Pediatrics

Medical University of South Carolina

Charleston, South Carolina

“This is the beginning of a campaign that's going to improve community efforts to identify children with lead poisoning.”

Peter Simon, MD, MPH

Consultant, CDC's Advisory Committee on Lead Poisoning Prevention

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