

The Vermont Department of Health provides this resource sheet to describe the options available to health care providers for blood lead testing and analysis. Note: Testing **all** children at 12 months and 24 months is **required** by Vermont law.

1. The Vermont Department of Health Laboratory offers resources to providers so that capillary specimens for blood lead levels can be collected in the office. Blood lead sample collection supplies and analysis of specimens are currently available at no charge to the submitter. Call 800-660-9997 or 802-863-7335 to set up an account and order sample collection and shipping supplies.
2. Providers may choose Fletcher Allen Lab services for supplies and the analysis of blood lead capillary testing. Call 802-847-5121 or 800-991-2799 for more information.
3. Health care professionals who care for young children may be able to receive a Lead Care II machine to conduct point-of-care blood lead testing in the practice setting. Lead Care II machines are available through a grant agreement between the Vermont chapters of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP-VT) and the American Academy of Family Physicians (VAFP), and the Vermont Department of Health.

Providers who receive Lead Care II machines are required to report blood lead results to the Healthy Homes Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at the Vermont Department of Health. Call 802-865-7786 or toll-free in Vermont at 800-439-8550 to find out more information.

4. In certain situations, providers may choose to send patients to a hospital or outside laboratory for a lead test. While this is within the law, it is not recommended. Many of these families do not make it to the hospital, and testing in the medical home ensures that children are screened.
5. The Vermont Department of Health district office in your area can train your staff to collect the blood lead sample. Call your local district office to set up a training session. Instructions for specimen collection using the finger stick method are available in the Provider's Toolkit.

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