

References Citing Child Blood Lead Reference Value 3.5 µg/dL

Since the CDC implementation of the 3.5 µg/dL child blood lead reference value in 2021, federal agencies and professional organizations have released statements, guidance, research articles, and analyses discussing this protective health measure. To learn more about the nationwide context of the 3.5 µg/dL BLRV and its impact, we have provided a non-exhaustive list of these references.

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