



2nd Letter to the Editor re: lead poisoning of Bell Telephone Cable Splicers 20190925

Editor's note: in response to the 1st Letter to the Editor from this 90-year old Korean War veteran who worked as a cable splicer in the Bell System (see [Letter to the Editor re: lead poisoning of Bell Telephone Cable Splicers](#), in *LEAD Action News* volume 20 number 1), one of the US-based members of The LEAD Group's Technical Advisory Board kindly offered to print and post to this veteran, the following letter and articles:



Letter from The LEAD Group to a 90 year old ex-Bell Telephone Cable Splicer

1st August 2019

Dear Sir,

There is published evidence that some Bell System splicers had lead poisoning, defined as lead in blood past or present. In one paper, the finding of elevated zinc protoporphyrin (indicating that lead was present in the blood at one time) in these individuals was entirely consistent with their occupational history of intermittent exposure. Protoporphyrin levels and symptomatology levels were in sync. The paper is *Health status of cable splicers with low-level exposure to lead: results of a clinical survey*, by A Fischbein, J Thornton, W E Blumberg, J Bernstein, J A Valciukas, M Moses, B Davidow, B Kaul, M Sirota, and I J Selikoff, from <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1619483/> (copy enclosed).

There is also evidence that telephone splicers in other countries (notably Italy) experienced similar problems – mentioned along with the next article (enclosed), in *An investigation of circumstances surrounding an alleged case of lead poisoning*, at <https://lead.org.au/bellsystemleadpoisoning/images/an%20investigation%20of%20circumstances.pdf> which references (inter alia) the above Fischbein et al article.

The second National Health Assessment and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES II) in the US presented evidence of lead in the blood of telephone workers, at levels very similar to what was found in plumbers.

Please also find enclosed the excellent article from our website *Blood Lead Levels in a Group of Bell System Employees - 1976 to 1980* - which shows 36 telephone workers had blood lead levels similar to plumbers in NHANES II - at https://lead.org.au/bellsystemleadpoisoning/images/NHANES_article.pdf

Please let me know if you would also like me to organise for a US colleague (who is kindly printing this email and posting it to you) to post you any other information. Or if someone you know could receive information by email and print it for you.

Cheers, Elizabeth O'Brien



2nd letter to the Editor from a 90 year old ex-Bell Telephone Cable Splicer

September 25th, 2019

Dear Elizabeth O'Brien, Lead Scientist and Lead Advisor,

I tried to E-Mail you when I received your August 1st letter and information, but it was night time there and I gave up. I should have thanked you sooner for your response, and information. I did have some of the things you sent. Matter of fact I have had an inch and a half of information that I collected.

I had sent a packet to my Veteran Doctor who was the one that entered the Hospital room and told me I would only have six more operations and that would be all. He is not my doctor as traffic is so bad I changed to a closer Veterans clinic.

Sad news for me with the new Doctor as I asked him for a hair analyst test and I was sent to a civilian clinic to only have a yearly check up. Because I am still trying to prove my abdominal "Mass" the VA Doctors called it was cause by Lead intake when I was working as a telephone cable trouble shooter {locater}. I was a big help during the Korean Conflict for two of my five and a half years.

By the way that operation I had was in 2006 and I am still here. The Doctors who stitched me up said they could not take "the Mass" out as it was in the way of the arteries feeding my lower extremities. They took out three different sizes each larger to be tested, and no luck what it was so they just called it a "MASS".

The reason I am still here was my good employer visited me in the hospital and told me he was checking out the internet one day and saw this "Polarity Timer" and decided to make one for he and his wife, parents too and had an extra one for me.

It came from a man Lee Crock (passed on) who had a dream from Jesus how to make one and use it to heal people with ailments. The man provided his thirty bed "facility" and had over 10,000 people from 50 States and many countries around the world. He did not charge a fee but a contribution only. Then Uncle Sam shut him down for two years and they settled in court. I have been sleeping on mine ever since.

You can still find his site on the internet at "EDK University" [no longer online] or "One foot in the Grave" [NOT the British Sitcom TV Series 1990-2001 or onefootinthegrave.net/]. There is also a man in Mexico [not found online] that makes the Polarity Timers only he does not supply the batteries, ten "Type D". The timer runs on Batteries not electric.

I had called Mr. Crock when he was alive and I first started using the Polarity Timer and he told me to drink plenty of water and watch for black specks in your urine. I did that and in one year the urinal bottle turned totally black. I bleached it clean after that year and still my urine is a nice yellow.

If you need more Information mail. I have no internet any more. My daughter uses it for her work. By the way, she too us an Elizabeth also, only I have called her Betsy and she goes by that name.

I am 90 now as of June 17th [2019] but have to use a cane. Thanks again for your help, I will keep in touch as long as I am here. I like to use God's Blessing. [Name and address provided. California]