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Two child cases plus two leaded products plus two LEAD Group Kits equals Lead Action News!

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I've had the honour and the privilege this month of working with two families and a Building Biologist, to locate (and remove) two seriously lead-contaminated products causing the lead poisoning of young children. Do you have products like these at home?

If so, the action I prescribe is: read the related articles in this issue of *LEAD Action News*, organise blood lead testing through your GP and if results are elevated, buy a LEAD Group Kit and have a Building Biologist collect the samples! LEAD Group Kits now include the



option that you or your Building Biologist pay NMI directly to test food and medications for heavy metals at the Australian government NMI lab, and The LEAD Group interprets the results. Finally, complain to government and the supplier.

Leaded Product imported from India, sold in Australia:

Medcure Manasamithra vatika Ayurvedic medication, made in India by Vasudeva Vilasam, purchased for \$80 from Rama Prasad in May 2020, which contains Swarna Bhasma (sacred ash of gold), ash of silver (Rajata Bhasma), ash of iron (Loha Bhasma). iron pyrite (Tapya – Makshika Bhasma) and **1.08% lead** (enough to poison both



children and adults).

Leaded Product made and sold in Australia:

Re-use painted timber dining table purchased for \$1200 from Mitchell Road Antiques, Alexandria, Sydney, in September 2014, which contains 2.8% lead in the degraded paint.