

## Lead poisoning claims impact pediatric health care providers

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Lead poisoning litigation is no longer limited to property owners and managers. Pediatric health care providers are also facing litigation related to lead poisoning. These cases involve claims of medical malpractice based on alleged failure to properly diagnose and/or treat lead poisoning in children. With substantial liability potential, these claims are among the most dangerous faced today by pediatric health care providers and their professional malpractice insurers.

Defending lead poisoning malpractice claims requires expert assistance – such as the help of medical experts like pediatric neurologists – to assess alternative factors leading to symptoms. The use of experts increases the cost to the defense. As with any such claims alleging permanent injuries to a child (with respect to quality of life, medical expenses and diminished potential earnings), verdict and settlement values in the million-dollar range can be expected.