

Meeting of the Lead Surveillance Committee of the El Paso County Medical Society held on June 28, 1972. Present: Dr. Roman, Chairman, and Drs. Magana, McNeil, Nickey, and Rosenblum. The following recommendations were made:

1. The program of lead source from Asarco has been thoroughly covered, and it is recommended that a continuing surveillance by appropriate representatives of Asarco and the City Health Department be supported, in conjunction with a representative or representatives from the El Paso County Medical Society.

It is our understanding that Dr. Roman, as Chairman of the Committee, has been recommended as a third member of a court-appointed lead problem study committee.

2. Any further massive blood lead sampling outside the Smelertown-Old Fort Bliss area is at this time unjustified, based on the data available to us at this time.

3. As Pediatricians, we have for sometime been interested in lead problems in children, and have wondered why we have not seen such cases, particularly in the one-three age group, and feel that this area needs to be further explored.

4. A study of the environmental conditions which might lead to plumbism, as reported in other cities, has never been evaluated in El Paso. If other causes of elevated lead levels exist we feel they could be clarified, for this reason we recommend that the proposal by Dr. William A. Cherry, Regional Health Director for the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, be supported by the County Medical Society.

A copy of the proposal, as we understand it, is in the hands of Dr. Black.

5. This is by way of information only. Dr. Rosenblum reported that the \$50,000 grant offered to the City-County Health Department has been rejected by the Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,

Jose Roman, M.D., Chairman
Jose D. Alva, M.D.
Jorge C. Magana, M.D.
M. D.