



Letter to the Editor: Buddy Bucksworth - 21 years of living with a lead bullet in my tibia bone



From: Buddy Bucksworth

Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2014

To: The LEAD Group Inc

Subject: 21 years of living with a lead bullet in my tibia bone. Lead levels are at 2.1 ug/dl (micrograms per decilitre)

Hello

I had been shot in the leg about 21 years ago and only about 5 years ago I realized I should have annual blood lead level tests done.

The bullet is broken up in several pieces inside of my left tibia bone.

Doctors do not understand the severity of the lead levels, when the labs come back they only see 2.1 ug/dl and think no big deal because they are used to lead exposure where someone breathes in lead and has high levels for a short time.

Typically Dr's do not understand that people living with lead bullet fragments means constant exposure 24hrs a day 7 days a week. So when Dr's see a lead level on someone with a bullet lodged in them and the levels are 2.1 or 3.0 they think it's no big deal.

I noticed on my label that was submitted for the levels to be checked it read Lead test levels due to exposure. Exposure to me means being around lead.

Anyhow I have noticed heavy heartbeats, pain in my side and finger nails starting to deteriorate along with some skin rashes like eczema.

My most recent blood levels were done October 2014 and came back 2.1 ug/dL. This number is just on the starting point of being a concern.

My white blood count was 6.1

Red blood count 5.13

Hope this helps for others

Buddy