

Folk Medicines and Ethnic Spices, Cosmetics and Food Containing Lead

Name	Region/Country	Purpose
Azarcon (also known as Alarcon, Coral, Luiga, Maria Luisa, Rueda)	Mexico	Bright orange powder used to treat an upset stomach, constipation, diarrhea, vomiting, and used on teething babies. Azarcon is 95% lead.
Ayurvedic medicine (Balguti Kesaria) (Well being tonics)	India, Pakistan, Tibet	A type of complimentary and alternative medicine that may include the use of herbs and specialized diets. (Tonic pills ground and fed to infants and children for rickets, cough/cold, worms and teething.)
Al Murrah	Saudi Arabia	Used to treat colic, stomach ache, diarrhea
Anzroot	Middle East	Used to treat gastroenteritis
Ba-Baw-San	China	Herbal medicine used to treat colic pain or hyperactivity in young children
Bali gali	Asia/India	Used to treat stomach ache
Bint al zahab	Iran, Saudi Arabia	Rock ground into a powder and mixed with honey and butter given to newborn babies for colic and early passage of meconium
Bokhoor	Kuwait	A traditional practice of burning wood and lead sulphide to produce pleasant fumes to calm infants
Calabash Chalk (also known as Calabash Clay, Nizu, Poto, Calabar Stone, Ndom, Mabele, Argile, La Craie)	West African	Remedy for morning sickness
Cebagin	Middle East	Teething powder
Chuifong tokuwan	Asia	Not known
Daw Tway, Daw Kyin (Wonotsay)	Burma	Applied to tongue as a digestive aid in young children.
Farouk	Saudi Arabia	Teething powder
Ghasard	India	Brown powder used to aid digestion
Greta	Mexico	Yellow powder used to treat stomach ache; can be obtained through pottery suppliers, as it is also used as a glaze for low-fire ceramics. Greta is 97% lead.
Jin Bu Huan, Bo Ying Compound	China	Herbal medicine used to relieve pain. Bo Ying a powder used in treatment of flu, fever, sneezing, and nasal discharge for infants and children.
Kandu	Asia/India	Used to treat stomach ache
Kohl, Alkohl, Kajal, Tiro, Surma	Middle East, India, Pakistan, Nigeria (parts of Africa)	Grey or black cosmetic applied to eyes. (83% lead) It is believed to strengthen and protect the eyes against disease.
Litargirio	Dominican Republic	Yellow-peach powder used as a deodorant, or to treat foot fungus. Also used to treat burns.
Lozeena		An orange powder used to color meat and rice that contains 7.8-8.9% lead.
Pay-loo-ah	Vietnam	Red powder used to cure a rash or fever in children
Po Ying Tan	Vietnam	Herbal medicine used to treat minor ailments in children
Sindoor (Vermilion)	Hinduism	Used for religious purposes and as a symbol of marriage for women. Red/orange pigment is used on both women and children.
Tamarind Candy	Mexico	During the manufacturing process, the candied jam is packaged in stoneware or terra cotta ceramic jars that can leach lead.
Thanakha	Burma	The product from trees is ground up into a powder, water is added to form an ointment/paste and applied to skin as sunscreen.