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Foreign Body Ingestion Paediatrics Department



Foreign Body Ingestion

It is quite common for children to swallow small objects such as buttons, coins or small toys.

The vast majority of these pass through the digestive system without problems, and do not require any x-rays or any treatment. The exception to this is a child who has any abnormalities of their gut or has had surgery, as objects may be more likely to get stuck.

Objects which can cause problems are: button batteries, magnets and large objects (>6cm long or 2.5cm wide).

If you think your child has swallowed any of these high risk objects, they need to come to hospital urgently.

If your child has difficulty breathing or swallowing, or is in pain or vomiting, they need to be seen urgently.

On arrival in hospital your child will be assessed by a nurse and a doctor, and any urgent x-rays or treatment will be started.

Depending on the symptoms, and the nature of the swallowed object, your child may have to be transferred to another specialist hospital for treatment.

If your child has swallowed a low risk object, and has not had previous surgery, and they are well, they do not need to be seen in hospital. If symptoms develop subsequently, you will need to get them seen in hospital.

Further Information

We endeavour to provide an excellent service at all times, but should you have any concerns please, in the first instance, raise these with the Matron, Senior Nurse or Manager on duty.

If they cannot resolve your concern, please contact our Patient Experience Team on 01932 723553 or email asp-tr.patient.advice@nhs.net. If you remain concerned, the team can also advise upon how to make a formal complaint.

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