SURVEY

Exposure to liquid detergent capsules

Liquid detergent capsules (or pods) designed for single-load use in laundry washers and dishwashers have become widely used in recent years and have resulted in reports of injuries and poisoning among young children. The Canadian Paediatric Surveillance Program is conducting a one-time survey to assess the extent to which paediatricians have observed this problem among Canadian children. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

1. During the last 12 months, how many children have you observed or treated for problems related to exposure to single-load liquid detergent capsules?
   - ___ None
   - ___ Not relevant to my area of practice or subspecialty
   - ___ One
   - ___ More than one; specify the number: ______

   If you have not seen any cases, we thank you for completing this survey.

2. Age group (for multiple cases, indicate the number that applies to each group):
   - ___ < 2 years
   - ___ 2-3 years
   - ___ 4-5 years
   - ___ > 5 years

3. Type of detergent capsule(s) (for multiple cases, indicate the number that applies to each type):
   - ___ Laundry liquid detergent capsule
   - ___ Dishwasher liquid detergent capsule
   - ___ Unknown

4. In what setting did you see the child (children)? (For multiple cases, indicate the number that applies to each setting.)
   - ___ Office or outpatient clinic
   - ___ Hospital emergency department
   - ___ Hospital inpatient ward
   - ___ Other, specify: ________________________________

5. What type of exposure did the child (children) have? (Identify all that apply.)

   Type of Injury | Number of cases seen
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   ___ Ingestion or exposure to alimentary tract | ______
   ___ Dermal | ______
   ___ Ocular | ______
   ___ Other, specify: ________________________________ | ______

6. What injuries/symptoms did the child (children) sustain? (Check all that apply.)
   - ___ Nausea
   - ___ Rash
   - ___ Vomiting
   - ___ Chemical burn: ___ skin ___ mouth/esophagus
   - ___ Conjunctivitis
   - ___ Pulmonary toxicity
   - ___ Keratitis
   - ___ CNS depression
   - ___ Corneal ulceration
   - ___ Other, specify: ________________________________

7. How did the child (children) access the capsule? What was the access point? (For multiple cases, indicate the number that applies to each.)
   - ___ In the original manufacturer’s package, box or container
   - ___ From the inside of a laundry machine or dishwasher
   - ___ Capsule found on floor or left lying around
   - ___ Unknown
   - ___ Other, specify: ________________________________

8. Indicate the treatment and disposition of the child (children) (for multiple cases, indicate the number that applies to each):
   - ___ Treated and sent home without further follow-up required
   - ___ Admitted to hospital
   - ___ Further treatment or follow-up required after patient sent home
   - ___ Died

9. Provide additional comments or detail on medical and surgical therapy and describe any long-term health outcomes or problems: ________________________________________________

   Please return this survey with your monthly reporting form. Thank you for your participation.

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