Survey
Magnetic Toys

Toys containing small magnets (3-8 mm) carry the risk of ingestion or aspiration. If more than one is swallowed, the magnetic objects can be very powerful and attract to each other in different segments of the bowel, causing intestinal perforations or obstructions and requiring surgical removal.

The Injury Prevention Committee of the Canadian Paediatric Society would like to assess the awareness of paediatric health care providers regarding this health hazard and the scope of complications encountered after ingestion of magnets.

Please take a few moments to answer the following:

1. Are you aware of complications from the ingestion of magnetic toys?  •  No  •  Yes
   If no, you do not need to answer any further questions.

2. What information source(s) made you aware of this hazard?
   •  The Magnetix™ recall/litigation
   •  The Polly Pocket™ recall
   •  Health Canada's advisories (www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/2006/2006_44_e.html)
     (www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/2006/2006_114_e.html)
   •  Clinical experience  •  The media  •  Publications
   •  Other (please specify): ________________________________________________

3. In the past year, have you seen patients who ingested multiple magnets?  •  No  •  Yes
   If yes, please specify:
   The total number of cases ______
   The most serious complication seen _______________________________________
   Date:  Month ______  Year ______  Age of patient: ______
   Product involved:  •  Magnetix™  •  Polly Pocket™
   •  Other (please specify): ________________________________________________
   Management:  •  None  •  Endoscopy  •  Laparotomy  •  ICU
   •  Other (please specify) ________________________________________________

Please record your contact information if you would like to provide additional information (additional cases or details).

Name: ___________________________________________  e-mail: ________________________________
Telephone #: ______________________________________

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

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