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PROTOCOL 23 OVERDOSE/POISONING (INGESTION)

HELLO,

this is your guide on what to do if you get a call regarding someone swallowing

BATTERIES OR MAGNETS

BATTERIES



Swallowing batteries can be very dangerous because of the potential for the battery to get stuck in the esophagus, stomach, or intestines. The acid in the digestive system can cause the battery to leak, which can cause serious damage to the internal organs, such as burns and ulcers. In some cases, the battery may even cause an electric current to run through the body and cause serious injury or even death. It's important to keep batteries away from children and pets and to seek medical attention immediately if a battery is swallowed.

WHAT TO DO:

- Go to Protocol 23 Overdose/Poisoning (Ingestion)
- Under the key question "What did he take?" select "Other:"
- Note: If the patient is not alert, the narcan question will appear. Since this is not applicable in this situation you may self-answer the key question as "no"

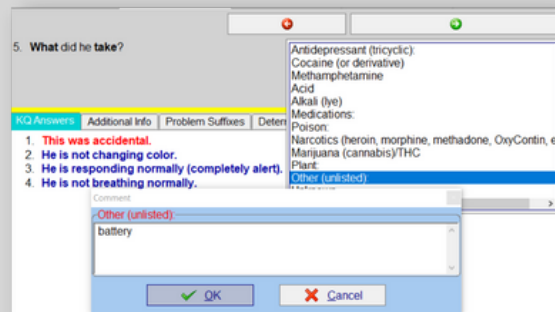
MAGNETS



Ingesting more than one magnet can create a blockage. This can be very painful and can cause other internal damage.

The reason for this is button batteries can especially cause life-threatening injury in a short period of time. You would not want a "sick patient" who swallowed a button battery to have a slower response from agencies with a tiered response.

Magnets need to be treated similarly because swallowing one battery is very different from swallowing two magnets. During the call taking process, it would be difficult to discern this.



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CAVEAT: IF SOMEONE IS CHOKING ON A BATTERY OR MAGNET, WE WOULD PROCESS THIS ON PROTOCOL 11 (CHOKING)