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# Magnet Guidance



## Rare Emergencies

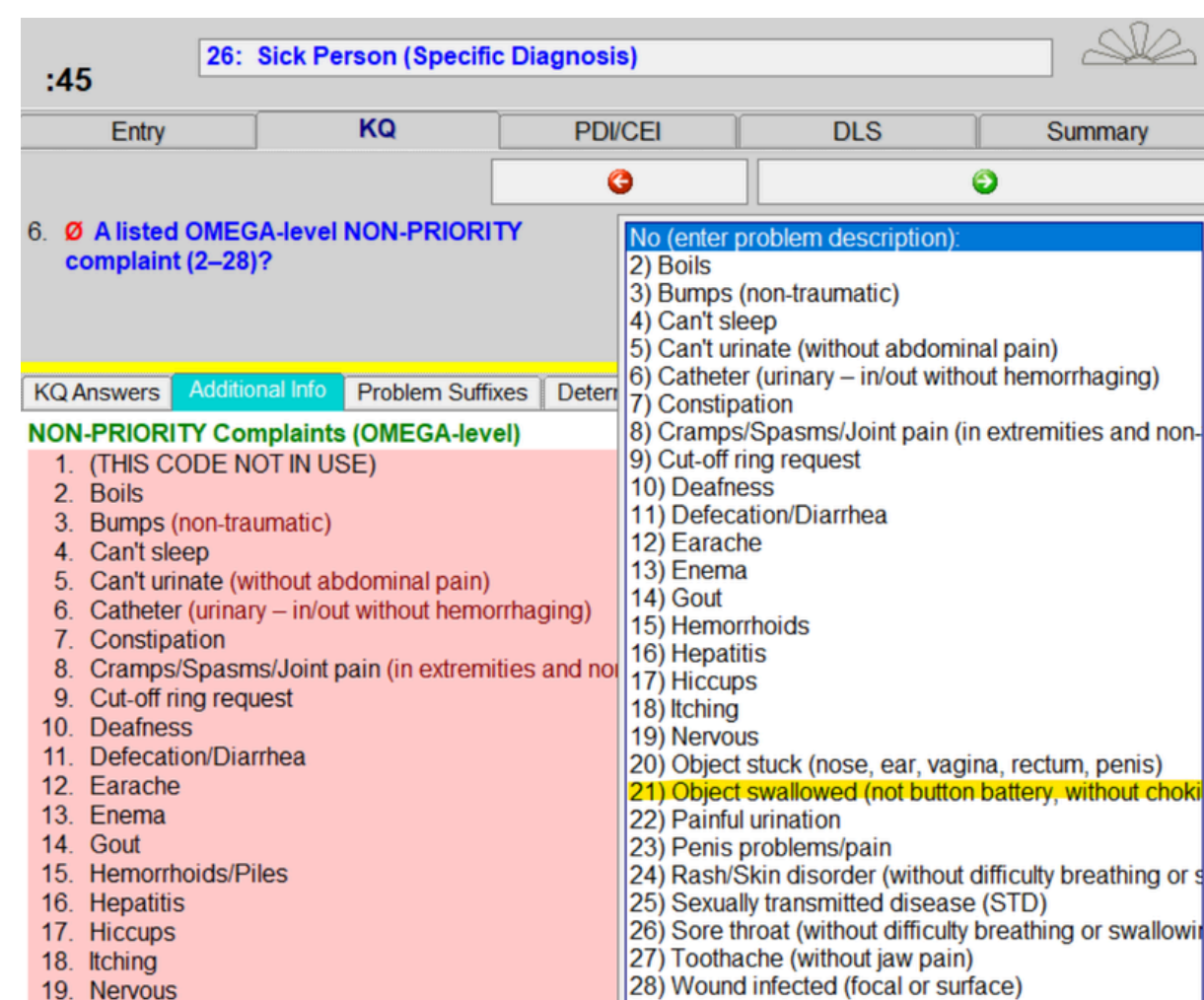
Recent medical updates have altered how we handle magnet ingestion. Unlike batteries, which often require immediate action, magnet ingestion usually becomes an emergency only in specific circumstances. The primary concern arises when a person swallows a strong magnet, leading to potential complications if another magnet is ingested shortly afterward. This sequence can result in intestinal blockage or damage to the intestinal wall.

While such cases are uncommon, they necessitate careful monitoring in a hospital setting. Health professionals watch for serious symptoms like severe abdominal pain, vomiting, or signs of intestinal obstruction.



## Updated Approach

The appropriate response for handling magnet ingestion is to use Protocol 26. Specifically, you should choose the "Object Swallowed (not button battery, without choking)" option. This protocol provides a structured and appropriate response for these cases. By using Protocol 26, we ensure accurate assessment and avoid unnecessary escalation, allowing us to focus resources on cases that truly require emergency intervention.



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