

# Suspected Foreign Body Ingestion

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# WHY A NEW CODE?

- “I think my 2 year-old swallowed a coin”
- “My 5 year-old says he put a bead up his little brother’s nose”
- “I think she stepped on a piece of glass last week”
- What’s in common with all these children that were brought to medical attention?



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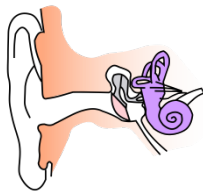
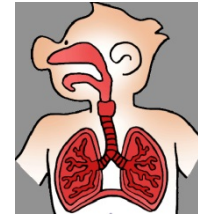
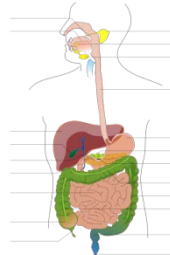
- None of them actually have a foreign body
- There is no adequate way to monitor these encounters and justify resource utilization with currently available non-specific codes
  - Z03.89 Encounter for observation for other suspected diseases and conditions ruled out
  - Z04.9 Encounter for examination and observation for unspecified reason
  - Z77.9 Other contact with and (suspected) exposures hazardous to health



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Encounter for observation for suspected foreign body ruled out

- Z03.821 ingested
- Z03.822 aspirated (inhaled)
- Z03.823 inserted (injected)



# Questions?

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