

Current Guidelines for Management of Swallowed Objects	
Objects Swallowed	Management
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharp objects (knives, razor blades) • Batteries • Packages of narcotics • Objects that may obstruct or perforate the esophagus 	Emergent removal (< 6 hours)
Sharp objects that have reached stomach or duodenum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objects > 6 cm in length • Objects > 2.5 cm in diameter 	Remove by endoscopy within 24 hours
Blunt objects with rounded edges (coins, buttons) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objects < 6 cm in length • Objects < 2.5 cm in diameter 	Remove non-emergently (outpatient)
Small, blunt, non-toxic objects observed in the small intestine	Monitor to ensure uncomplicated, spontaneous passage

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