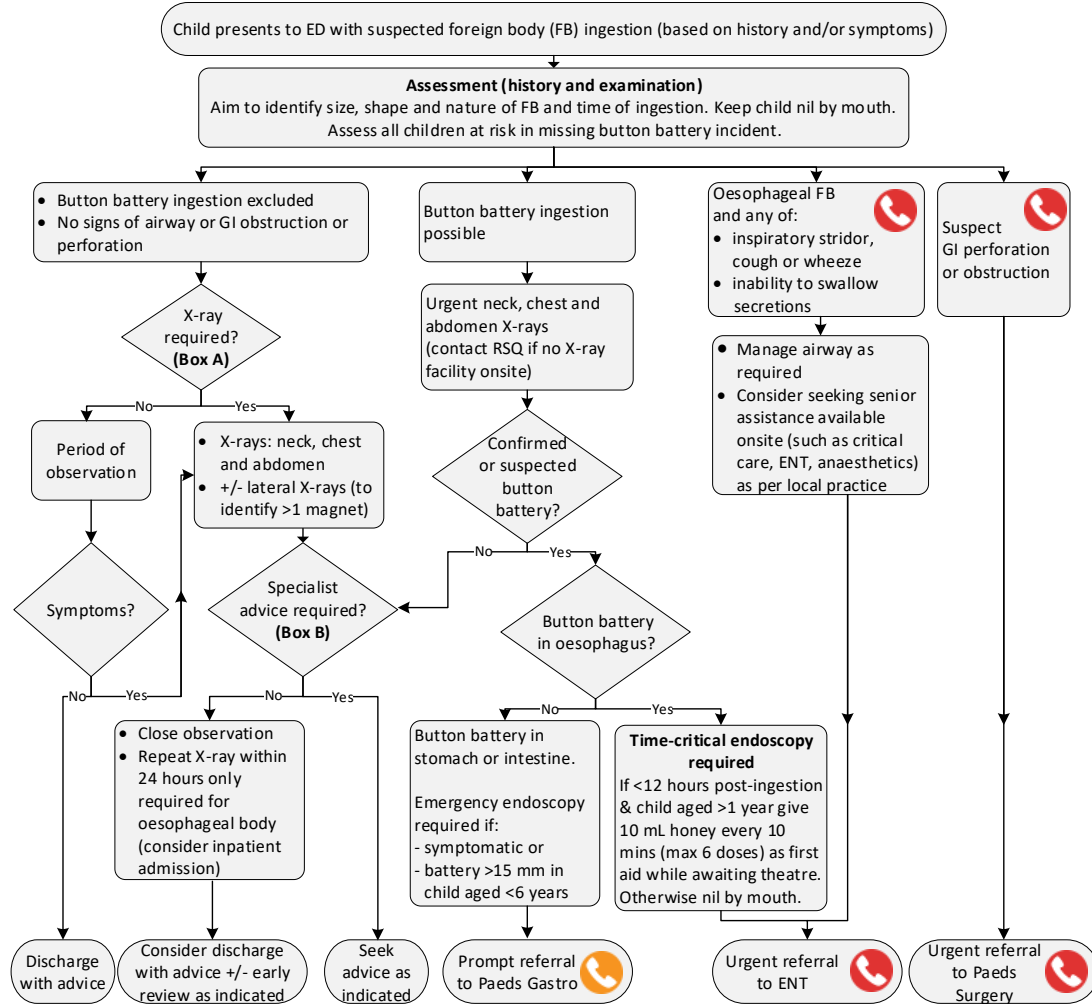


Ingested foreign body - Emergency management in children - Flowchart



Box A: Consider not proceeding with X-rays if child meets ALL of the following:

- asymptomatic
- normal clinical examination
- certain history of ingesting object that is ALL of:
 - <2 cm in diameter and <6 cm long
 - not sharp or pointed
 - not a magnet or battery
 - non-expandable
 - non-toxic
 - able to eat and drink
 - no known GI abnormalities

Seek urgent advice via Retrieval Services Queensland (RSQ) on 1300 799 127 if not onsite

Seek prompt advice via onsite/ local specialist service

Seek advice if any of:

- symptomatic or
- > 24 hours post-ingestion of oesophageal FB
- gastrointestinal abnormalities

Box B: Specialist advice recommendations

Ingested object	Location of foreign body and relevant specialist		
	Oesophagus – ENT	Stomach – Paeds Gastro	Beyond – Paeds Gastro*
Button battery			
Multiple magnets or single magnet and metallic object			
Sharp or pointed objects			
Lead-containing or other toxic objects**			
Expandable (superabsorbent polymers)			
Single magnet			
Food bolus			N/A
None of the above but >2cm in diameter and/or >6cm in length			
None of the above			

* Will refer to Paediatric Surgery if needed
 ** Seek toxicologist advice via Poisons Information Line (Ph: 13 11 26) if unsure

For more information refer to [CHQ-GDL-60019 Ingested foreign body – Emergency management in children](#)

