Foreign Body Ingestion

Treatment

Depends on symptoms, location, and nature of FB. General principles:

- Button batteries: EMERGENT GI/surgery consult, urgent endoscopic removal if esophageal
 or gastric, otherwise admit and close observation with serial XRs
- Blunt objects (e.g. coins): Gl/surgery consult if symptomatic, non-urgent endoscopic removal if esophageal, otherwise observation (consider admit vs. outpatient f/u)
- Sharp objects: Gl/surgery consult if symptomatic, urgent endoscopic removal if esophageal or gastric, otherwise admit and close observation with serial XRs
- Magnets: 1 magnet? → treat like blunt object; 2 magnets? → remove if gastric or proximal, otherwise admit and close observation with serial XRs
- Food Impaction: GI consult, consider glucagon, urgent endoscopic removal with biopsies to evaluate for EOE

Laceration Repair

Equipment

- Basics: light, mask, sterile gloves & gown, betadine (or other cleansing solution)
- Irrigation: sterile bowl, sterile water, 20-50 cc syringes with splash guard (all except water come in irrigation kit)
- · Local anesthesia or digital block
- Suture tray (sterilized and packaged together): forceps, scissors, needle holder, hemostats, sterile gauze
- Suture material: Nonabsorbable sutures (monofilament nylon, polypropylene) vs. Absorbable sutures (Vicryl, fast absorbing gut -- use for deep wounds and in small children when suture removal would be just as traumatic as placement
 - Sole of foot or over large joints (knee): 4-0 or 3-0
 - Scalp, trunk, extremity: 4-0; Face: 6-0 or 5-0
- Alternatives to sutures: Dermabond (tissue adhesive) +/- Steri-Strips: use for linear wounds with minimal tension. No removal needed. Staples: Best for scalp wounds. Requires remover.

Table 7. Suture Selection.	
Face	5-0 to 6-0
Scalp	3-0 to 5-0
Chest	3-0 to 4-0
Back	3-0 to 4-0
Abdomen	3-0 to 4-0
Extremities	4-0 to 5-0
Joints	3-0 to 4-0
Oral	3-0 to 5-0 absorbable

General Technique

- 1. Set-up your equipment
- 2. Local anesthesia
 - LET gel (lidocaine, epinephrine, tetracaine) apply for 15-20 minutes (surrounding skin should be blanched)
 - 1% lidocaine (10mg/mL): onset 2-5 minutes, lasts 15-20 minutes. Toxic dose 5mg/kg (0.5cc/kg)
 - 1% lidocaine with epinephrine (1:200,000): onset 2-5 minutes, duration ~60 minutes. Do not use in digits, penis, pinna, tip of nose
 - Use buffered lidocaine if available (buffered with sodium bicarbonate)
- 3. Conscious sedation if needed
- 4. Wound preparation: Expose, explore (for foreign bodies), irrigate, clean periphery
- 5. Suture/Close
 - Simple interrupted most common stitch, closes superficial layer
 - Deep subcutaneous reduces tension of deep wounds
 - Buried horizontal dermal closes deep layer in shallow lacs
 - Horizontal/vertical mattress- reinforce SC tissue, relieves wound-edge tension
 - Corner stitch repair flap-type, corner lacerations