

# Where's the foreign body?

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Figure 1



Figure 2

A six-year-old girl had accidental coin ingestion. She was asymptomatic, with irrelevant examination. A cervicothoracoabdominal x-ray confirmed presence of the coin, apparently in the intestine, in the right iliac fossa. She was discharged with monitoring of spontaneous expulsion in the stool. Ten days later, a new x-ray revealed the coin in the same location (**figure 1**). Radiograph was repeated in decubitus, showing the coin in epigastric position (**figure 2**). Endoscopic uneventful removal was performed.

Plain x-ray after accidental ingestion of foreign bodies allows confirmation, type and location of the object, to decide on endoscopic removal. Radiograph is usually performed in upright position, but supine incidence can be helpful as an alternative. Decision to perform endoscopic removal will then be made according to specific need.

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