

Susy Safe Newsletter

A European Project on Foreign Body Injuries in the Aero-Digestive tract in Children

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Susy Safe Argentina

“33º Congreso Argentino de ORL y Actividades Conexas” San Juan, Argentina. 13-16 agosto 2014.

On the occasion of the “33º Congreso Argentino de ORL y Actividades Conexas” that took place in San Juan from August 13 to 16, 2014, Dr. Hugo Rodriguez presented the Susy Safe Project, illustrating the results of the 2011-2013 collaboration, recently ended, and depicting intentions for the new project of collaboration currently ongoing on children's vulnerability: “The vulnerability of children: a pilot project for the development of a surveillance and prevention system”.



The article “**Foreign Bodies in the Airway in children: Experience in Argentina**” has been accepted for publication in the journal La Prensa Medica Argentina. Below is a brief excerpt of the article:

“A study on Argentinian retrospective and prospective cases of foreign body in the airways collected in the Susy Safe registry, was performed. Data regarding: gender, age, localization and type of foreign body, elapsed time from the event to the removal of the foreign body, extraction technique, complications, need for hospitalization, and circumstances of the event (adult presence, child's activity when the event happened) were evaluated.

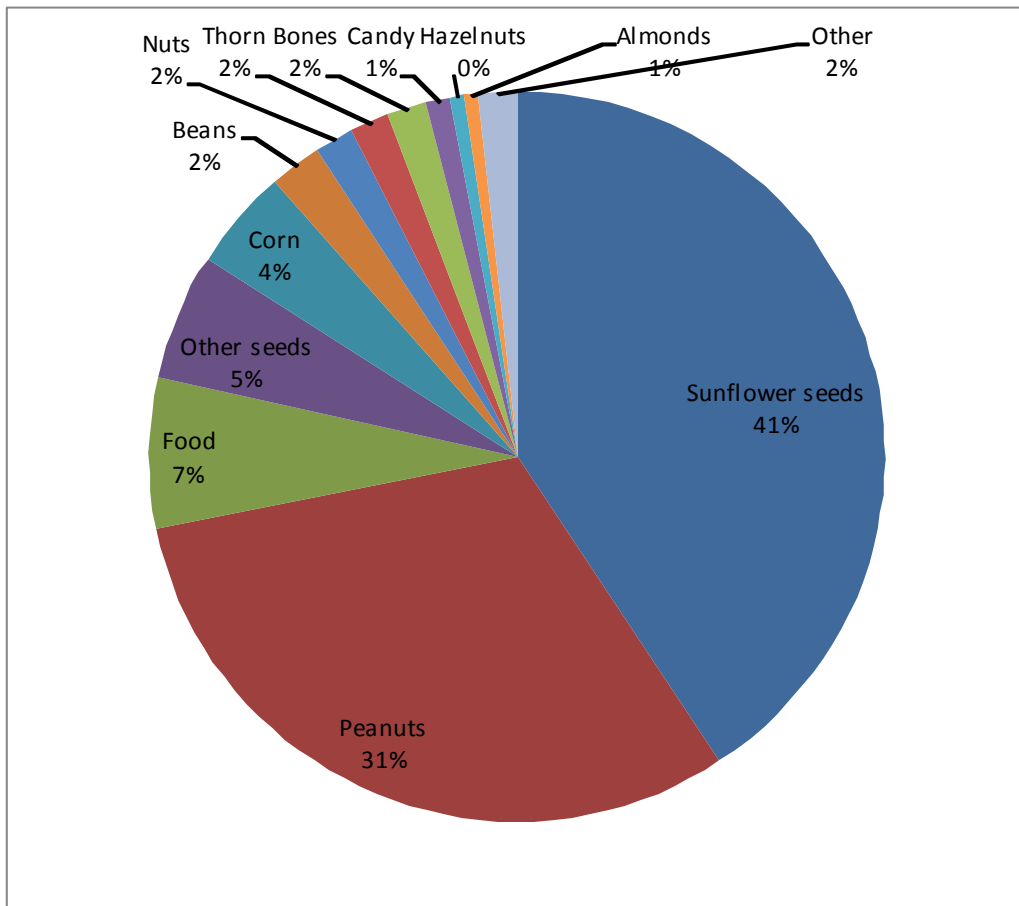
295 cases have been recorded. The highest incidence occurred in children under three years of age with 52,2% of cases (number of cases: 154). The 58.6 % occurred in males, with a high presence of adults at the time of the aspiration (80.3 %). The 60% of the foreign bodies were organic, being seeds and peanuts the most frequently retrieved. Only in the 35.6 % of the cases (number of cases: 105) the foreign bodies were extracted within 24 hours. Hospitalization occurred in 64,7% of cases.”

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Organic Foreign Bodies in the larynx, trachea and bronchi.



Susy Safe México

Submission of application for participation in the Italy-Mexico Joint Scientific Research Programme

The submitted project aims to create a surveillance system of foreign body injuries in Mexico, compatible with the Susy Safe international registry, allowing data sharing and interoperability of risk assessment systems, and favoring the training of operators.

As a public health goal the registry will contribute to the reduction of foreign bodies ingestion and choking injuries in children.

The continuous evolution of the types of foreign bodies that cause the injuries, with the continued marketing of new products, as a result of globalized trade, suggests a comprehensive approach to the problem.

Mexico is an important link between the Latin American and North American markets and currently does not have a system for assessing the risk posed by these types of accidents.



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An epidemiological surveillance system also has effects on the industrial system, helping to guide and promote competitive and innovative products and marketing systems. In addition, the production and dissemination of guidelines for family physicians and pediatricians, including prevention information, also serve to encourage early diagnosis and effective treatment.

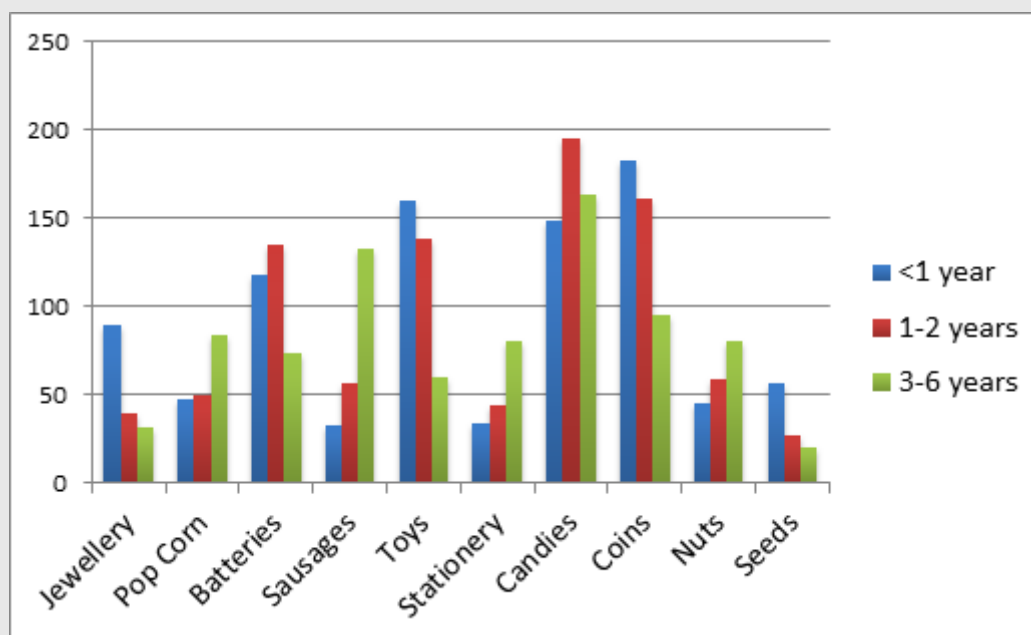
Dr Ricardo de Hoyos (Centro Médico Zambrano Hellion, Garza García, N.L), Susy Safe Country Representative for México, is the principal investigator and coordinator for the Mexican side.

The Susy Safe registry was presented in Monterrey in 2011, during the event organized by the Italian Embassy on the occasion of the local Congress of Pediatrics. Since then, the interest toward the SusySafe Project has grown, encouraging the development of a scientific collaboration with Dr. Hoyos.

Susy Safe Italy

As many Susy Safe participants already know, the Susy Safe Working Group is spreading a survey, in Italy and other countries, in order to collect the information regarding parents perception of the risk posed by certain items: the [Choking Hazard Survey](#).

In Italy, as of today, 456 surveys have been completed. The table represents the collected data:



Italian parents consider more dangerous candies, coins and toys. The recent death of a 3 years old child due to a sausage may have led to a greater awareness of the risk posed by that food.

It is important to observe that seeds are not considered to be particularly dangerous in any age group.

Many doctors are promoting the questionnaire and soon we will provide data on parents perception for different countries.

Help us promoting the questionnaire spreading it among patients and friends. The questionnaire is also available in a printable format, contact us to receive the printable version.

Susy Safe Working Group: New Members

The Susy Safe Working Group is pleased to announce the new Members:

- ◆ Dr Jeanfrançois Lalande, Health Canada, Ottawa, Canada
- ◆ Dr Sekib Umihanic, University clinical cente, Tuzla, Bosnia ed Erzegovina
- ◆ Dr Edi Prandi, Fondazione IRCCS Ca' Grande Ospedale Maggiore Policlinico, Milano, Italia
- ◆ Dr Domenico Lamagna, Istruttore blsd, pblsd, Manovre Di Disostruzione, Italia
- ◆ Dr Alberto Ferrando, medico pediatra ASL 3, Genova, Italia
- ◆ Dr Gabriele Ferrante, Presidio Ospedaliero ASL Avellino, Italia
- ◆ Dr Silvia Farinelli, Pubblica Assistenza Croce, Bologna, Italia
- ◆ Dr Domenico Buonanno, Azienda Ospedaliera "A. Cardarelli" di Napoli, Italia
- ◆ Dr Fabio Savron, Ospedale Burlo Garofolo, Trieste, Italia
- ◆ Dr Elena Pedrosi, Italia

Upcoming Events!

- **American Public Health Association APHA.** 15-19 November 2014, New Orleans. <http://www.apha.org/meetings/annual/>
- **Society for Risk Analysis SRA 2014 Annual Meeting,** 7-10 December 2014, Denver, Colorado. <http://www.sra.org/events/sra-2014-annual-meeting>.
- **Pedicon-Indian Academy of Pediatrics,** 22-25 January 2015, New Delhi, India. <http://www.pedicon2015.org/>

The Susy Safe Working Group has now 148 Members from 49 countries!

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