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What time is it? A case of unusual foreign body ingestion

A 4-year old boy was admitted to our hospital with foreign body ingestion witnessed by his parents. He had no complaints. An urgent X-ray revealed a clock, 2.5 cm diameter (Figure 1). An esophagogastoduodenoscopy was carried out the next morning. A control X-ray was performed before the procedure that showed the foreign body retained in the same place (Figure 2). During endoscopy the clock was spotted in the stomach (Figure 3), grapped with retrieval net and successfully and safely removed (Figure 4). After six hours observation time the child was discharged home without complaints.

Despite many sharp foreign bodies pass the gastrointestinal tract uneventfully, they can potentially lead to dangerous complications such as perforations, peritonitis, abscesses. Parents should be informed about the potential hazards of foreign body ingestions and be mindful of the risks.
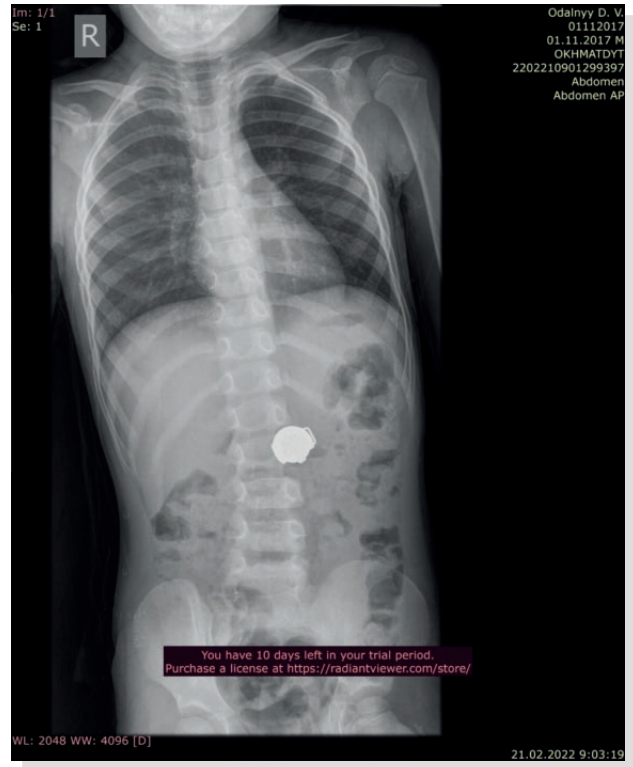
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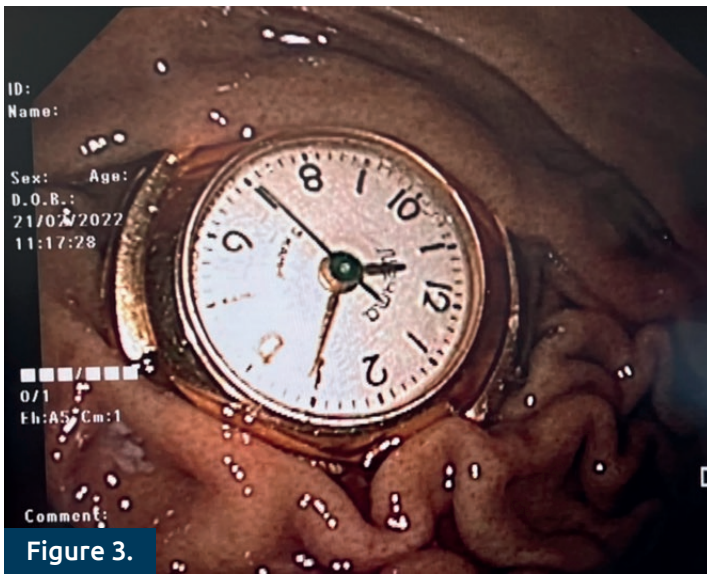
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Figure 1. Primary X-ray: radio-opaque sharp object (clock) in the stomach.

Figure 2. Control X-ray: radio-opaque sharp object (clock) in the same place.

Figure 3. EGD photo: Clock in the stomach.

Figure 4. Removed clock.