

Susy Safe Newsletter

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

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Susy Safe México

LXIV Congreso Nacional de la Sociedad Mexicana de Otorrinolaringología y Cirugía de Cabeza y Cuello

On the occasion of the Congress held in Queretaro, by the Mexican Association of Otorhinolaryngology, on days 30 of April-5 of May 2014, **Dr. Ricardo de Hoyos**, as Country Representative for the Susy Safe Project, has presented the abstract: "Proyecto Susy Safe, una iniciativa multinacional para prevenir eventos asfícticos por aspiración".

His important presentation fostered the dissemination of the information on choking injuries and promoted the participation of new Doctors. The congress was attended by Professionals coming from Latin American and European countries.



Quinta Sesión Académica del Colegio de Pediatría de Nuevo León : "Ingesta de cuerpos extraños. Un accidente muy frecuente"



Dr. De Hoyos, presented the Susy Safe Project on the occasion of the presentation entitled: "Ingesta de cuerpos extraños. Un accidente muy frecuente" that took place in Monterrey on the 15th of May 2014.

Dr De Hoyos presented the Susy Safe Registry illustrating the Project objectives and main results to a large audience of professionals during the meeting organized by the Mexican Society of Pediatric Surgery. The topic of the meeting was "Foreign Body Ingestion".

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Susy Safe Georgia

Georgian Respiratory Association 4th International Congress.



On the occasion of the Georgian Respiratory Association 4th International Congress that took place in Batumi from June 19 to 21, 2014, **Prof. Gregori** and **Dr. Chkhaidze** (Country Representative for Georgia) presented the Abstract "Foreign bodies aspiration in children: a global perspective on their epidemiological, clinical, and preventive aspects".

2896 cases were collected from the Central Children Hospital in Tbilisi, Georgia. The study poses collected data in comparison with data from the Susy Safe registry case series, in order to broaden the information on FBs injuries characteristics. The analysis was carried out on FBs located in trachea, bronchi and lungs, mouth and oesophagus. The distribution of injuries according to the retrieval location showed a higher prevalence in the respiratory system (bronchus) in Georgian data.



In Georgia, Germany and Turkey the most frequent foreign bodies were organic objects with bronchial location that matches studies stressing the importance of the activities that the children were performing when the injury occurred. Turkey cases instead were interested mostly by food FB,



specifically nuts, seeds and beans, highlighting that the nature of foreign bodies varies from country to country and is dependent on diverse cultural, social, religious and economic factors that include parental attitudes, eating habits, availability and types of potentially threatening objects, and prevention strategies.

The paper related to the Georgian study is currently under review for publication.



Susy Safe Activities: Poster presentation at PAS Congress 2014



The Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) Annual Meeting is the largest international meeting focused on research in child health. The Susy Safe Working Group participated in this important event presenting the abstract: **"Emerging Risk of Batteries as Foreign Body Injuries in the Upper-Aero-Digestive Tract in Children: the Susy Safe Project Results"**.

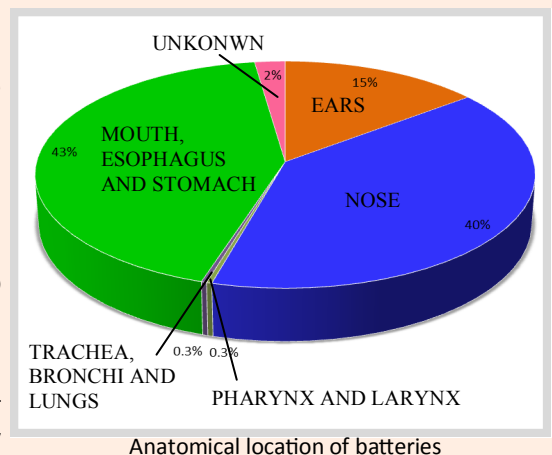
On this occasion we had the opportunity to present our Project, the activities we carry out and the study results to a large audience of professionals. A summary is presented on the next page.

“High frequencies of injuries related to specific objects demonstrated that there are categories of objects which pose a higher risk. Some of them, because of their features, can lead to serious lesions or even to a fatal outcome.

Batteries fall into this category and are particularly dangerous as they can cause serious damage in a short time.

Risk of severe injuries due to batteries in children is shown to be a major concern, calling for prompt interventions in terms of educational campaigns and stricter regulations.

The Susy Safe Working Group intends, by means of a multi-disciplinary effort, to give greater prominence to the study results and foster the development of new networks of collaboration, both with medical institutions and consumer associations, with the aim of creating preventive strategies involving not only parents and caregivers but also manufacturers.”



Anatomical location of batteries

New Collaboration!

Susy Safe recently started an important new collaboration with **Dr. Squicciarini**.

The Doctor and his team provide courses on pediatric lifesaving maneuvers at a national level in Italy. During the courses, parents and professionals from various fields, learn the maneuvers and are informed about the risks posed by foreign body injuries. Until now, many participants of his courses saved a life thanks to his instructions. Information on his courses, activities and training material are available at the [website](http://www.manovremanovresoccorso.it).

The shared objective of both Susy Safe Working Group and Dr. Squicciarini's team is to reduce the number of injuries, our aim is to achieve the common goal through the cooperation in the realization of preventive strategies at a national and international level.



Susy Safe Working Group: New Country Representatives and Members

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



Dr. Pham Ngoc Toan - National Hospital of Paediatric, Hanoi, Vietnam.



Dr. Ivane Chkhaidze - Nashville Central Children Hospital, Tbilisi, Georgia.

Susy Safe Working Group: New Members

- * **Dr. Tadashi Saito**, Tako Central Hospital, Chiba Prefecture, Japan.
- * **Dr. Somashekhar Nimbalkar**, Shree Krishna Hospital and Pramukhswami Medical College, Karamsad-Anand-Gujarat, India.
- * **Dr. Yojana Sharma**, Pramukhswami Medical College, Karamsad-Anand- Gujarat, India.
- * **Dr. Mirko Damasco**, Centro di formazione Salvagente Monza, Italia.
- * **Dr. Edoardo Calderini**, Fondazione IRCCS Cà Granda, Ospedale Maggiore Policlinico, Milano.
- * **Dr. Katarina Stankovic**, Mother and Child Health Care Institute of Serbia, Belgrado, Serbia.
- * **Dr. Olushola Afolabi**, University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, Ilorin, Nigeria.



Upcoming Events!

- **AAP Experience. American Academy of Pediatrics 2014 National Conference.** 11-14 October 2014, San Diego <http://www.aapexperience.org/>. Abstract submitted, awaiting confirmation.
- **American Public Health Association APHA.** 15-19 November 2014, New Orleans <http://www.apha.org/meetings/annual/>. Abstract submitted, awaiting confirmation.

The Susy Safe Working Group has now 138 Members from 49 countries!



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