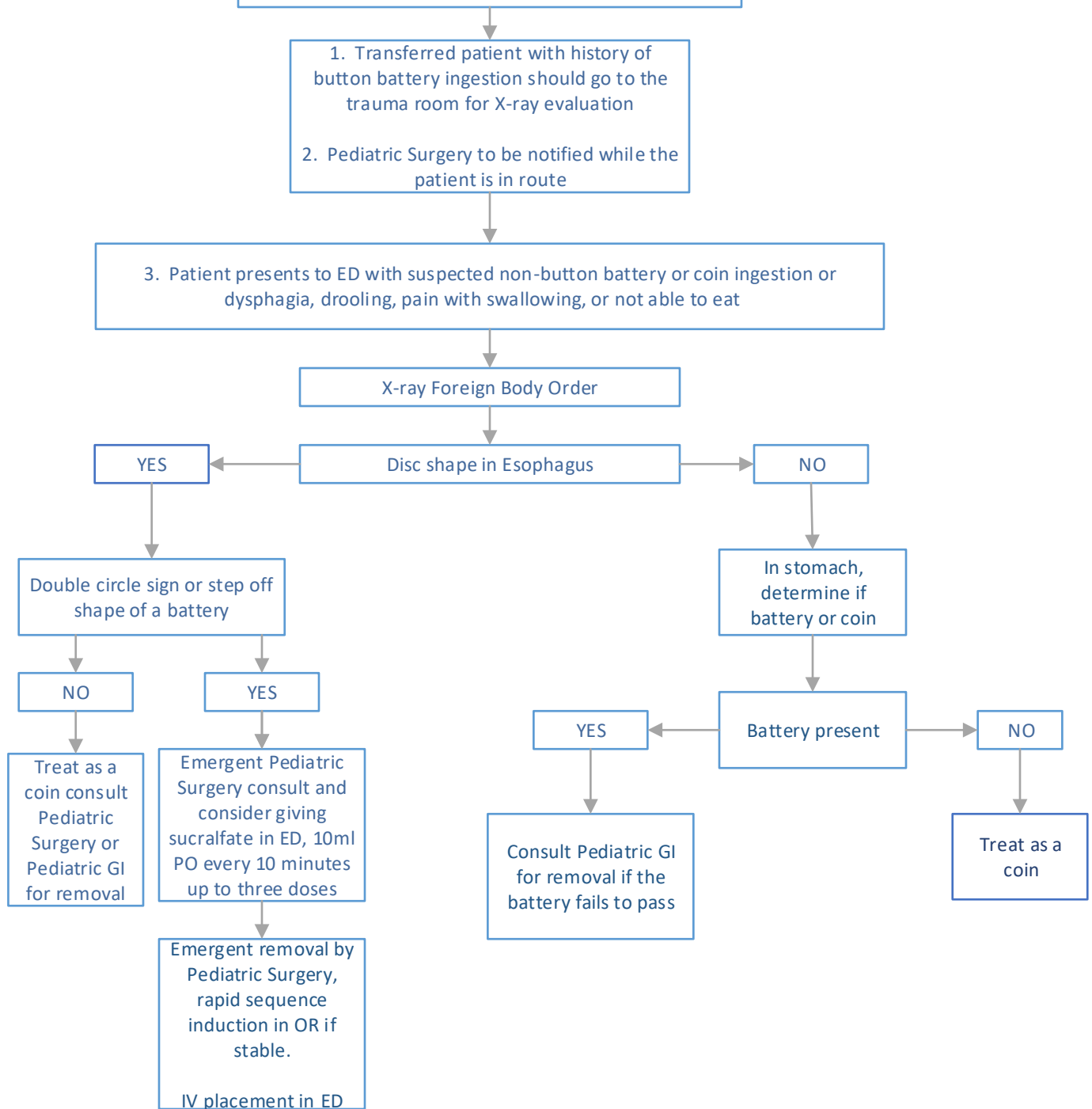


Button Battery Ingestion Flow chart



Addendum for Button/disc battery in the stomach

- It is rare for a battery that passes through the stomach to require surgical intervention.
- The battery is unlikely to cause damage in the stomach and could safely be given 24-48 hours to pass out of the stomach **IF** the patient remains asymptomatic.
- If the patient remains asymptomatic, but the battery has not passed a repeat X-ray should be obtained at 48 hours. If the battery remains in the stomach it should be removed.
- If it has passed out of the stomach, recommend observation at home (looking for battery to pass and/or to see if symptoms develop).
- Consider repeat radiographs to confirm passage if passage not observed in 10-14 days. Confirming passage may avoid urgent diagnostic intervention for minor symptoms developing later.

Adapted from <https://www.poison.org/battery/guideline>

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