

TRANSCRIPT OF MEDIA-Grateful family warns tiny batteries pose big risk

Joseph Mumbu-Father of 5-year-old girl who swallowed a lithium battery

"Obviously she had swallowed something. Then my wife and I started looking and wondering what it was she had swallowed. She was struggling with something that was stuck in her esophagus and starting to show signs of discomfort and pain." (:18)

"Miraculously and so nicely – when Liana went with Dr. Robertson, we thought we were going to wait for hours – and in 15-20 minutes, he came to us as was like, 'Here's the battery!' That was such a big relief, I can tell you that." (:18)

"The speed with which the care and the help was delivered, I mean for us, it was tremendous for the fact that when she was brought into here by ambulance so fast, they did not even wait at the lobby. To us it was very good, and we were very impressed." (:17)

Dr. Daniel Robertson, a surgeon at OSF HealthCare Children's Hospital of Illinois in Peoria

"When it's sitting in the esophagus, the battery gets activated, and it creates an electrical current which creates a burn. And people also wonder is there some chemical leakage too? It's all those things, so time is of the essence." (:15)

"If it fits in different groups of the intestine and the magnets get stuck together, then that erodes holes in the bowel. In fact, I just operated on that in the last month or two. So, magnets are another one that we really want to get the word out about – be careful with your magnets at home, especially those little round ones." (:17)