magnet ingestions have been treated in U.S. emergency departments from 2009-2011.

**Little Magnets = Big Problem**

Rare-earth, high-powered magnets are not your typical refrigerator magnet. Measuring only 5 millimeters (0.20 inches) in diameter, these powerful magnets are candy-sized and easily swallowed. Approximately 80% of all high-powered magnet ingestions result in endoscopic or surgical intervention.

**Tips for Caregivers**

- Rare-earth, high-powered magnets are not toys.
- These magnets should not be kept in homes, schools, or other settings where there are children.

**Tips for Medical Professionals**

If two or more magnets are swallowed, the magnetic force can make holes in the intestines. Do not wait for magnets to pass.

Read: Management of Ingested Magnets in Children from *JPGN*.