

9-month-old swallows safety pin, docs remove it in 7-min endoscopy

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Navi Mumbai: In a seven-minute endoscopy on Saturday evening, an open safety pin was removed from the food pipe valve of a nine-month-old baby boy.

Sarthak Mane, a resident of Uran, had accidentally swallowed the open pin that was lying on a table at his residence. He began to feel discomfort as the pin was lodged at the junction of his food pipe valve and stomach.

His parents, Sarita and Shrikant, rushed him to a local X-ray clinic and found that the open pin was causing him pain.

Shrikant then took him to Fortis Hospital where Dr Jignesh Gandhi, consulting laproscopic and gastrointestinal surgeon, suggested an endoscopy. "We wanted to



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have the pin removed non-surgically. Using rat tooth forceps, the pin was partially closed before extracting it," explained Dr Gandhi. The procedure took a mere seven minutes and the baby was discharged within 12 hours of admission.

"If this procedure had failed," continued Dr Gandhi, "then we would have resorted to surgery. An X-ray was taken immediately after

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he gained consciousness to ensure that no remains of the foreign body were left behind.”

While this may be the first incident of its kind, Dr Gandhi said the fact that the pin was open and facing downwards towards the stomach was dangerous. "Initially, we were worried, but are happy now that he did not need to undergo a surgery," the parents added.