

Table 3. Comparison of attempted versus non-attempted foreign bodies

N=1003	Attempted n=741 (73.9%)		Non-attempted n=231 (23%)		P value
Age, years, no. (%)					0.003
0–6	405	54.7	147	63.4	
7–12	305	41.1	68	29.6	
>12	31	4.2	16	7.0	
Sex, no. (%)					0.012
Male	494	66.6	133	57.7	
Female	247	33.4	98	42.3	
Types of foreign bodies, no. (%)					<0.001
Organic	173	23.3	91	39.4	
Inorganic ^a	369	49.8	71	30.9	
Fruit/plant/seed, insect	92	12.4	20	8.5	
Battery	5	0.7	2	0.7	
Others ^b	68	9.1	16	7.1	
Unspecified	34	4.7	31	13.4	
Ear compartment, no. (%)					-
External auditory canal	719	97	166	71.8	
Middle ear	0	0	57	24.7	
Unspecified	22	3.0	8	3.5	
Duration of impaction, days, no. (%)					0.261
<1	330	44.5	117	50.7	
2–7	115	15.5	33	14.1	
>7	296	40.0	81	35.2	

^a Inorganic material: plastic/styrofoam/blue tack/sponge/foam, bead/sequin/stone, toy, crayon/sticker/magnet, pencil, playdough/plasticine

^b Others: earring, metal, tooth/hair, artificial turf/earpiece/hairpin/thermometer