GI Magic Beads

Overview:
These beads are radiographic markers designed to aid in the diagnosis of GI obstructions or motility disorders through a series of radiographic studies. They consist of inert corrosion resistant stainless steel spheres in two sizes, 1.5mm and 5mm. A dose would be 10 larger and 30 smaller beads in gelatin capsules.

A dose for small dogs and cats consists of 4 x small gel cap. The dose for large patients over 30lbs are 2 x larger capsules.

J1146 smaller GI magic beads consists of 5 doses each consisting of 4 smaller capsules. Use one dose per case.

J1146A larger GI magic beads consist of 5 doses each consisting of 2 larger gelatin capsules.

Directions for use: Take plain abdominal radiographs first (two views preferable). Administer Magic Beads to patient suspected of a GI obstruction (partial or total) or motility disorder, give all capsules in one dose for best results. Do not give liquid barium in conjunction with this product, a small amount of dog food can be used to hide beads or help administration of them.

A second set of abdominal radiographs should be taken 6-8 hours after giving Magic Beads.

Magic Beads:
The Magic Beads should be in the large colon within an 8 hour period then, if none of the larger beads have passed to large colon by then that suggests a likely obstruction. If only a few larger beads pass to the large colon wait 18 hours to see if more will pass. Look for clumping or bunching of Magic beads in small intestine or stomach as indications of an obstruction after second series of radiographs.

If unsure that Magic Beads are in stomach or large colon. An air enema can help delineate their location.

Contraindications for administering Magic Beads
-Patient vomiting heavily
-Patient having blood or distinct melena in vomitus
-Patient unable to swallow or difficulty swallowing

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