

## Georgia Poison Center Monthly Call Summary August 2008

In August, the Georgia Poison Center handled 9,998 calls, of which 7,547 calls were related to human exposures, 751 calls related to animal exposures and 1,700 calls were related to general poison information.

The specialized staff at the Georgia Poison Center was able to effectively triage 83% of calls that were received from the general public at the site of exposure without referral to a health care facility by providing simple first aid instructions over the phone.

About 49% of calls received involved children under the age of 5 years.

The Georgia Poison Center provides vital poisoning information as well as toxicology consultations to healthcare professionals. This month, the GPC, received 1,577 calls from health care professionals, making up about 19% of the calls received involving poison exposures.

## Top 10 Substances Involved in Human Exposures (Birth – 50<sup>+</sup>)

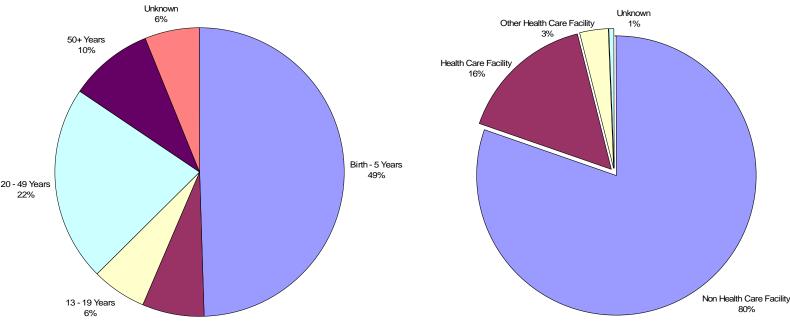
- 1. Analgesics
- 2. Cosmetics/personal care products
- 3. Cleaning substances (household)
- 4. Bites and envenomations
- 5. Sedative/hypnotics/antipsychotics
- 6. Pesticides
- 7. Foreign bodies/toys/miscellaneous

Age Distribution of Human Exposures

- 8. Topical preparations
- 9. Antihistamines
- 10. Antidepressants

## Top 10 Substances Involved in Pediatric Exposures (Birth – 6 Years)

- 1. Cosmetics/personal care products
- 2. Cleaning substances (household)
- 3. Analgesics
- 4. Foreign bodies/toys/miscellaneous
- 5. Topical preparations
- 6. Pesticides
- 7. Vitamins
- 8. Antihistamines
- 9. Cold and cough preparations
- 10. Gastrointestinal preparations



## **Call Origin Distribution**