

Georgia Poison Center Monthly Call Summary April 2009

In February, the Georgia Poison Center handled 9755 calls, of which 7051 calls were related to human exposures, 684 calls related to animal exposures and 2,020 calls were related to general poison information.

The specialized staff at the Georgia Poison Center was able to effectively triage 85% 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.

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

Cosmetics/personal care products Cleaning substances (household) Analgesics Foreign bodies/toys/miscellaneous Antihistamines Topical preparations Vitamins Cold and cough preparations Antimicrobials Cardiovascular drugs

> Top 10 Substances Involved in All Human Exposures

Analgesics

Sedative/hypnotics/antipsychotics Bites and envenomations Antidepressants Cardiovascular drugs Cleaning substances (household) Pesticides Alcohols Antihistamines Food products/food poisoning

