

# Georgia Poison Center Monthly Call Summary **July 2008**

In July, the Georgia Poison Center handled 10,018 calls, of which 7,609 calls were related to human exposures, 769 calls related to animal exposures and 1,640 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 50% 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 1,240 calls from health care professionals, making up about 19% of the calls received involving poison exposures.

#### Top 10 Substances Involved in **Human Exposures** (Birth $-50^+$ )

- 1. Analgesics
- 2. Bites and envenomations
- 3. Cosmetics/personal care products
- 4. Cleaning substances (household)
- 5. Pesticides
- 6. Foreign bodies/toys/miscellaneous
- 7. Sedative/hypnotics/antipsychotics
- 8. Topical preparations
- 9. Cardiovascular drugs
- 10. Antihistamines

## Unknown Unknown 6% Other Health Care Facility 1% 4% 50+ Years Health Care Facility 10% 15% Birth - 5 Years 50% 20 - 49 Years 22% 13 - 19 Years Non Health Care 5% Facility 6 - 12 Years 80% 7%

## Age Distribution of Human Exposures

## 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. Antihistamines
- 8. Gastrointestinal preparations
- 9. Vitamins
- 10. Plants

## **Call Origin Distribution**