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Doctors miss swallowed battery that caused toddler's death

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A photo of the round dime-sized watch battery that led to Aiden's death.

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From left, Jacob, Lonnie, Michelle and Alexis Truett sit with a photograph of their late family member Aiden who died in November 2009, at 14-months old, after swallowing a small round battery.

By [Josh Sweigart](#), Staff Writer

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HAMILTON — He was barely a year old. A blonde-haired, chubby cheeked toddler with bright blue eyes.

“He was a precious little boy. Special. A good boy,” Michelle Truett said of her son, Aiden.

Aiden died in November. It was a freak accident, and a heart-wrenching reminder of how a common household item can become a parent's worst nightmare.

The problems started in mid-November, just weeks after his first birthday. Truett said Aiden wasn't able to keep food down.

“We took him to the pediatrician,” said the Hamilton mother. “They thought he had some kind of viral (problem).”

They took him back the next day, worried that he had swallowed something. Doctors x-rayed his stomach and found nothing. The went to another doctor for a second opinion. Same diagnosis.

“We said he's not getting better. He's getting worse,” Truett

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