



## **Children's Hospital Los Angeles Teams with California Poison Control to Host National Poison Prevention Week 2015 Press Briefing**

*Pediatric Toxicologist, Expert on Poison Exposure, Will Inform and Demonstrate the Dangers of Harmful Household Items*

### **MEDIA MUST RSVP**

- WHAT:** [California Poison Control](#) and Children's Hospital Los Angeles are observing National Poison Prevention Week March 15 - 21 with a poison prevention press event at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Experts will discuss and demonstrate how medications, jewelry, dangerous toys, cleaning products, batteries, plants, pesticides and other seemingly harmless items can lead to poison exposures.
- WHY:** At Children's Hospital Los Angeles alone, about 58 cases of poison exposure were seen in 2014. Tragically, because of the lack of proper awareness, about 30 children in the US die every year due to accidental poisonings. Half of the 2 million calls to Poison Help Number in 2011 involved children ages 5 and under. In fact, 9 out of 10 poisonings occur at home.
- WHO:** **Cyrus Rangan M.D.**, Pediatric Medical Toxicologist at Children's Hospital Los Angeles and Assistant Medical Director of California Poison Control System **Alexander**, age 5, CHLA patient who accidentally ingested a poisonous household product will be joined by his mom, to speak on their recent experience.  
**Alex Arriaga**, Health Education Associate of the Injury Prevention Program at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (**Spanish spokesperson**)
- WHEN:** Wednesday, March 18, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.  
**Media call time: 10:45 a.m.**
- WHERE:** **Children's Hospital Los Angeles**, 4650 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90027  
**Main Lobby**
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