

# Emergency Treatment of Dental Injuries

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## **ENTIRE TOOTH KNOCKED OUT**

1. Avoid additional trauma to tooth while handling.
  - **DO NOT** handle tooth by the root
  - **DO NOT** brush or scrub tooth
  - **DO NOT** sterilize tooth
2. If debris is on tooth, gently rinse with water
3. If possible, re-implant in order of preference:
  - Place tooth in milk- cold whole milk or cold 2% milk
  - Wrap in saline soaked gauze
  - Place tooth under patients tongue as long as patient is alert and conscious
  - Place tooth in cup of water

*TIME IS VERY IMPORTANT. RE-IMPLANT WITHIN 30 MINUTES. TRANSPORT PATIENT IMMEDIATELY TO A DENTIST.*

## **TOOTH IN SOCKET, BUT IN WRONG POSITION**

1. Extruded Tooth- upper tooth hangs down and/or lower tooth raised up
  - Reposition tooth in socket using firm finger pressure
  - Stabilize tooth by gently biting on towel or handkerchief
  - Transport immediately to dentist
2. Lateral Displacement- tooth pushed back or pulled forward
  - Try to reposition tooth using finger pressure
  - If too painful, stabilize only by gently biting on towel or handkerchief
  - Transport immediately to dentist
3. Intruded Tooth- tooth pushed back or pulled into gum – looks short
  - Do nothing- avoid any repositioning of tooth
  - Transport immediately to dentist

## **BROKEN TOOTH**

1. If tooth is broken in half or pieces, save the broken portions and bring to the dental office as described under “Tooth Knocked Out” above. Stabilize portion of tooth in mouth by gently biting on towel or handkerchief. (Counsel patient that tooth may not be salvageable)
2. Should extreme pain occur, limit contact with other teeth, air or tongue.

*TIME IS VERY IMPORTANT. TRANSPORT PATIENT AND TOOTH FRAGMENTS IMMEDIATELY TO A DENTIST.*