Toothache

Toothache is pain in or around a tooth. It may get worse with chewing or with cold or heat. Something is causing the pain, and it needs to be fixed.

TREATMENT

- You need to see a dentist to check for tooth damage. The dentist might need to treat a cavity or crack.
- You may need to see a dentist more than one time to complete treatment.
- You or your child may need to take a medicine (*antibiotic*) that kills germs.

HOME CARE

- Your dentist may use a numbing medicine during treatment. If so, you or your child may need to avoid eating until the medicine wears off. Ask your dentist about this.
- Only take medicine as told by your dentist or doctor.
- You or your child may need to avoid chewing food near the painful tooth until after all treatment is done. Ask your dentist about this.

GET HELP IF:

- The problem gets worse or new problems appear.
- You or your child has a temperature by mouth above 102° F (38.9° C).

GET HELP RIGHT AWAY IF:

- You or your child has a temperature by mouth above 102° F (38.9° C), not controlled by medicine.
- There is redness and puffiness (*swelling*) of the face, jaw, or neck.
- You or your child is unable to open the mouth.
- There is pain in the jaw.
- There is very bad pain that is not helped by medicine.

MAKE SURE YOU:

- Understand these instructions.
- Will watch this condition.
- Will get help right away if you or your child is not doing well or gets worse.

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