Fractured Mandible (Broken Jaw)

Your jaw is broken. **This injury requires the attention of a specialist (oral surgeon, plastic or ENT surgeon). Unless the jaw is properly aligned, a permanent abnormal bite may develop**. Jaw fractures can get infected, so antibiotic medicine may be needed for some time.

Surgeons usually wire the jaw to the upper teeth to treat a broken mandible. A tetanus booster may also be needed. Apply an ice pack to the injured area for 30 minutes every 2 hours, and do not chew, talk, or move your jaw until you have seen a specialist. A liquid diet using a straw is best. Consider adding a nutritional supplements to your diet like clear liquid nutrition beverage. Your caregiver can give you recommendations.

SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE IF YOU DEVELOP:

- Severe headache, drowsiness, or weakness.
- Difficulty breathing or swallowing.
- Fever, chills, or other serious complaints**.**

MAKE SURE YOU:

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

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