Dental Injury

Your exam shows that you have injured your teeth. The treatment of broken teeth and other dental injuries depends on how badly they are hurt. **All dental injuries should be checked as soon as possible by a dentist if there are:**

- **Loose teeth which may need to be wired or bonded with a plastic device to hold them in place.**
- **Broken teeth with exposed tooth pulp which may cause a serious infection.**
- **Painful teeth especially when you bite or chew.**
- **Sharp tooth edges that cut your tongue or lips.**

Sometimes, antibiotics or pain medicine are prescribed to prevent infection and control pain. Eat a soft or liquid diet and rinse your mouth out after meals with warm water. You should see a dentist or return here at once if you have increased swelling, increased pain or uncontrolled bleeding from the site of your injury.

SEEK MEDICAL CARE IF:

- There is increased pain, not controlled with medications.
- There is swelling around your tooth, in your face or neck.
- There is bleeding which starts, continues or gets worse.
- You or your child has an oral temperature above 102° F (38.9° C).
- Your baby is older than 3 months with a rectal temperature of 102º F (38.9º C) or higher.

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