Dental Avulsion

You or your child have a tooth knocked free of its socket. Baby teeth need to come out, so treatment includes controlling bleeding and pain only. **Permanent teeth may be successfully re-implanted in some cases**. The sooner the tooth is cleaned and replaced in the proper position in the socket, the better the chance it can be saved. Treatment by a dentist is needed as soon as possible so that the tooth may be repositioned, wired and bonded in place. A temporary splint may be used to hold the tooth in place for the first 1–2 days.

Ice packs along the jaw may help control swelling and pain. For the next few days, eat a liquid or soft diet and rinse your mouth out with warm water after meals. Watch for signs of infection. An avulsed tooth will require stabilization for 1–2 months to ensure proper healing.

SEEK MEDICAL CARE IF:

- There is increased pain or swelling, or uncontrolled bleeding.
- 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 100.5º F (38.1° C) or higher for more than 1 day.

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