AVULSED TOOTH
Level II

Skill Level: RN

Definition: A tooth which is totally dislodged from its socket.

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<td>• &quot;My tooth got knocked out.&quot;</td>
<td>• Alteration in oral mucosa.</td>
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<td>• Potential alteration in nutrition.</td>
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<td>• Tooth is intact and is totally separated from the socket - root and all.</td>
<td>Call the Dental Clinic and send the patient immediately to the dentist if possible.</td>
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<td>• Determine length of time since trauma.</td>
<td>Check other institutions to see if a dentist is available for consultation.</td>
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Plan:
- If more than 2 hours since trauma, no treatment is indicated, tooth will not re-attach. Place tooth in appropriate biohazard container.
- If patient cannot be seen by a dentist within 45 minutes, rinse tooth for 10 seconds with cold running tap water, and have patient place tooth back into socket, aligning as best as possible with the adjacent teeth. If patient unable to place tooth back in socket, place tooth in cold milk and store for dental.
- Instruct the patient to keep fingers and tongue away from the injured area.
- Inform dental department of the condition as soon as possible.

At nursing discretion may use any of the following:
- Soft diet.
- After checking for allergies to medications may suggest:
  --Ibuprofen 200mg 1-2 QID prn from unit.
  --Tylenol or ASA 2 QID prn from unit if intolerant to Ibuprofen.
  --If available meds not effective, may use Naprosyn 500 mg BID prn for pain for 5 days instead. (Always second line. Naproxen, ASA and Ibuprofen are not for pregnant patients.)
- Consider tetanus status – refer to Tetanus Prophylaxis Protocol.
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Nursing education:

1. Naprosyn is not recommended for minor pain management for pregnant patients, please instruct all pregnant patient to use Acetaminophen (available in housing units) for minor pain management.

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Medical Services Manager _______________ Date

Dental Director _______________ 5/18/16

Date

Medical Director ____________________ 5/17/16

Date

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