

## DENTAL EMERGENCIES

**Baby Teeth** – Concern is adult tooth

### **Tooth Movement:**

1. Tooth out and in hand – leave out, Emergent – Call
2. Tooth not visible, may be out and not found or possibility swallowed – Emergent – Call or ED
3. Tooth pushed into gums – Emergent – Call
4. Tooth newly loose and risk of aspiration - Emergent – Call
5. Tooth newly loose – Emergent – Call
6. Tooth displaced forward, back, or sideways – Emergent – Call

### **Tooth Fractures:**

1. Enamel chip - small – Urgent –Call
2. Enamel chip – large – Emergent – Call
3. Nerve exposure – see red line or red dot – Emergent – Call
4. Crown broken off and in hand – Emergent – Call
5. Crown broken off and can't find, possibility swallowed - ED

**Adult Teeth** – Concern is for nerve vitality and integrity of supporting ligament and bone

### **Tooth Movement:**

1. Tooth out and in hand – Emergent – Call!!!! Critical, Time Is OF The Essence  
Best prognosis for tooth/nerve survival is for tooth to be reimplanted within 5 minutes,  
If out of mouth as long as 60 minutes – exceedingly poor to no chance of saving tooth  
WHAT TO DO:  
If unable to replace in socket then place in a cup of COLD Milk (this is better than the following) Saliva, Physiologic Saline, Water  
Do NOT scrub the tooth or root, at the very most run a very light stream of water over the tooth and root – you do not want to destroy the cells which adhere the tooth and root to the bone and gums  
Contraindications to reimplanting a tooth – Stage of dental development, Compromising Medical History
2. Tooth loose, no blood, no displacement, tooth hurts – Emergent – Call
3. Tooth loose, blood around gum margin, no displacement, tooth hurts – Emergent – Call
4. Tooth pushed forward/back/sideways, locked in place, not loose, no pain, contusion or fracture of bone – Emergent – Call
5. Tooth pushed up into gums, can see part of tooth or edge of tooth, tooth looks shorter, fracture of bone, not loose, no pain – Emergent – Call  
If this is a baby tooth it can mimic an erupting adult tooth
6. Don't see tooth or can't find it – Tooth could be pushed up into gums – look in nostrils and feel for a bump(root), feel gums for outline of tooth's crown  
Tooth could have been traumatically lost – Emergent - Call
7. Tooth looks longer, out of socket but not fully out, tooth loose and hurts – Emergent – Call

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