

MOUTH CARE AFTER TRAUMA

ORAL HYGIENE

Clean the traumatized area by gently brushing today, and thereafter, by more vigorous, normal brushing. Be certain to brush both in front of and behind the affected area.

PAIN

If necessary, a medication such as Tylenol® or other non-aspirin containing product can be taken.

DIET

Soft to normal diet as tolerated by your child. If pain is elicited with biting or chewing on the affected teeth, avoid using this area for a few days.

PROGNOSIS

Discoloration of the injured tooth within one month of the trauma probably indicates that bleeding occurred within the tooth at the time of the injury.

Any injury may result in necrosis (death) of the pulp (nerve) of the tooth. This can occur at any time and is more likely from severe injuries.

Signs of nerve death can include: PAIN, either spontaneous or upon chewing; DISCOLORATION of the tooth later than one month after the trauma, REDDENING, swelling or formation of a 'pimple' on the gum above the injured tooth.

PLEASE CALL IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR SHOULD PROBLEMS ARISE

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