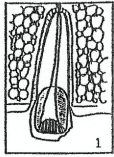
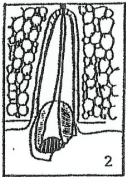


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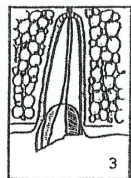
Chipped Tooth



* **Enamel Chip Only** – No immediate problem. Avoid hard foods as the tooth may be tender, Call dentist if tooth is sharp or irritating gums.



* **Body (Dentin) Chip** – Tooth sensitive to hot/cold foods or air movement. If acutely sensitive, give Tylenol and call dentist for a plastic “band aid” filling to cover the dentin. If not sensitive, make appointment for exam and x-ray to rule out other injuries.



* **Nerve (Pulp) Exposure** – Tooth very painful with blood coming from inside of tooth (broken area looks like a bullseye with red in middle.) Call dentist immediately for nerve therapy and pain relief. Give Tylenol or children’s ibuprofen and bite on warm, wet washcloth.

Bumped Tooth

* **No Blood, Tooth Sore** – Bruised ligament holding tooth in socket. Tooth will be sore 2-3 days. Give Advil. Avoid chewing/hard foods.

* **Blood Around Tooth** – If tooth is not out of place, call dentist for advice and treat as above. If tooth is out of place, call dentist immediately for instructions and pain relief.

* **Baby Tooth Knocked Out** – Check if root has ragged edges, probably ready to naturally fall out. If pain or continued bleeding, call dentist. Don’t put a baby tooth back in mouth. Notify Tooth Fairy.

* **Permanent Tooth Knocked Out** – Identify tooth as permanent (size of adult tooth, long root, dark hole where tooth was.) If permanent, put the tooth back in the socket. Handle the tooth only by the crown and don’t wash or scrape the root. Have child bite on washcloth to hold in place. If child won’t allow replacement, put tooth in cold milk (not water!) and go to the dentist right away.



Cross section of a tooth

Time is critical to save the tooth!

Cuts and Swollen Lips

* **Swollen Lip** – Feel lip for hard particles (gravel, tooth fragments.) If unsure, call dentist. Give children’s ibuprofen and put ice pack covered with washcloth on for 20 minutes/20 minutes off.

* **Cut or Blood Inside Mouth** – Rinse and wipe area to find source of blood. If small, put pressure on area with washcloth or wet tea bag for 20 min. Give Tylenol. If large tear or prolonged bleeding, call dentist for advice.

* **Cut or Raw Chin** – Call dentist for appt. to get x-rays. In some cases, innocent falls may cause a relatively non-painful jaw fracture. Early treatment prevents later complications.

* **Wiggly Tooth** - If tooth has:

1. Mobility = 1-3 mm Give Advil Avoid chewing/hard foods.
2. Mobility = 3-5 mm see Dentist for possible splint
3. Mobility = 6 mm see Dentist for Splint

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