

and the tooth kept alive (see [Emergency Treatment](#) box). A tooth that is replanted promptly has a good survival rate. Avulsed primary teeth are usually not reimplanted.

## **Emergency Treatment**

### **Avulsed Permanent Tooth**

Recover tooth.

Hold tooth by crown; avoid touching root area.

If tooth is dirty, rinse it gently under running water or saline; be certain to insert stopper in sink or basin (to avoid tooth loss).

### **To Reimplant the Tooth**

Insert tooth into socket; be certain that the lip side (or convex surface) is facing front.

Have child maintain tooth in place by slowly biting down on a piece of gauze.

Transport child to dentist immediately.

Avoid sudden stops or sharp turns to prevent dislodging tooth.

### **If Reluctant to Reimplant the Tooth**

Place avulsed tooth in suitable medium for transport:

- Cold milk
- Saliva—under child's or parent's tongue

If child is holding tooth in the mouth, avoid sudden stops to prevent swallowing tooth.

*Do not forget to take the tooth.*