

Dental Problems



History

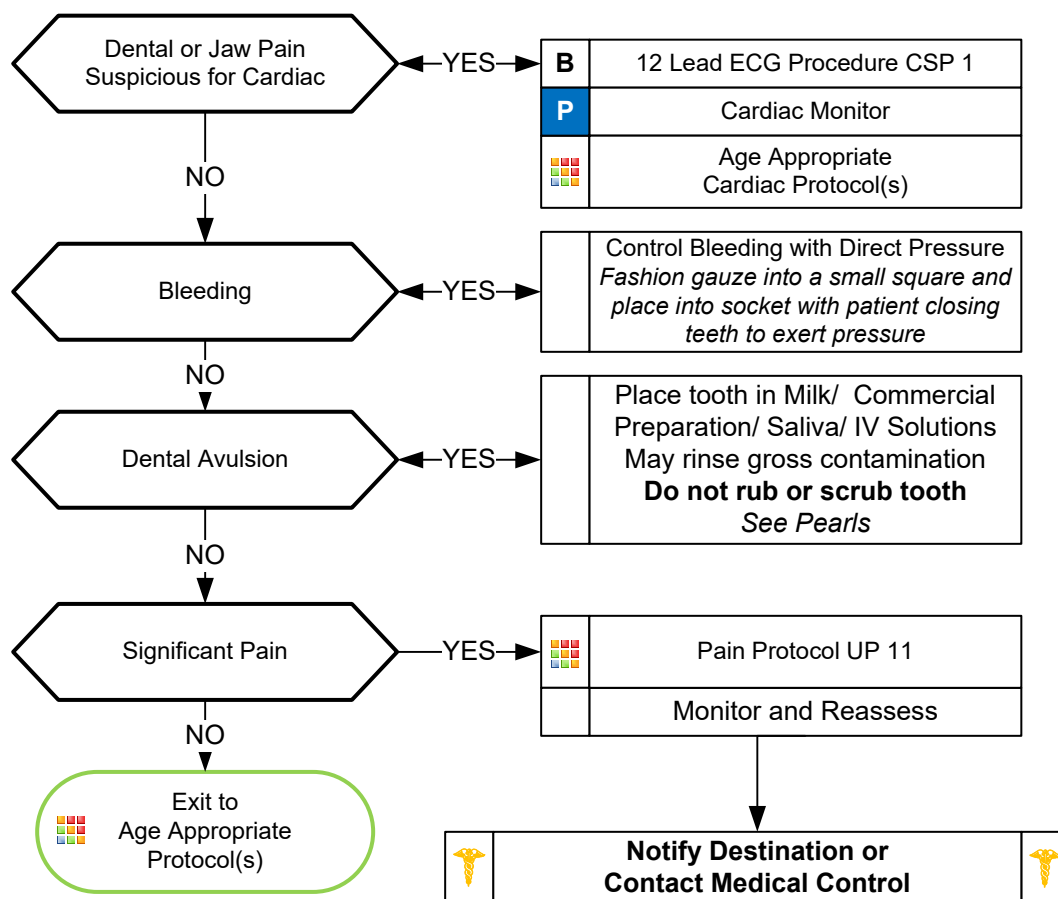
- * Age
- * Past medical history
- * Medications
- * Onset of pain / injury
- * Trauma with "knocked out" tooth
- * Location of tooth
- * Whole vs. partial tooth injury

Signs and Symptoms

- * Bleeding
- * Pain
- * Fever
- * Swelling
- * Tooth missing or fractured

Differential

- * Decay
- * Infection
- * Fracture
- * Avulsion
- * Abscess
- * Facial cellulitis
- * Impacted tooth (wisdom)
- * TMJ syndrome
- * Myocardial infarction



Universal Protocol Section

Pearls

- * **Recommended Exam: Mental Status, HEENT, Neck, Chest, Lungs, Neuro**
- * Significant soft tissue swelling to the face or oral cavity can represent a cellulitis or abscess.
- * Scene and transport times should be minimized in complete tooth avulsions. Reimplantation is possible within 4 hours if the tooth is properly cared for.
- * Cardiac chest pain may radiate to the jaw and teeth mimicking dental pain.
- * **Avulsed tooth:**
 - Handle tooth by the crown, do not touch the root.
 - Rinse tooth if soiled but do not scrub, as this can damage the ligaments vital for possible reimplantation.
 - Rinse with mild, commercial tooth solution, normal saline or lactated ringers, or the patient's own saliva if dry.
 - Transport tooth in milk, commercial solution, patient's own saliva, or IV solution in a container to protect.