

Avulsion Telephone Advice

Emergency advice over the phone (parent/teacher/guardian)

1. Reassure the patient.
2. Hold the tooth by the crown (the white part) and avoid touching the root.
3. If the tooth is visibly dirty, rinse it gently with milk, saline, or the patient's saliva, avoiding scrubbing.
4. If possible, replant the tooth immediately back into the tooth socket and get the patient to gently bite down onto a handkerchief or napkin.
5. If replantation is not possible, you can store the tooth in milk, saliva (spit into a cup), saline or hank's balanced salt solution. If these mediums are unavailable, storing in water is better than leaving the tooth exposed to air.
6. Take the patient to see a dentist as soon as possible and bring the tooth.