**Pearls**

- 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.
- Occasionally, cardiac chest pain can radiate to the jaw.
- All pain associated with teeth should be associated with a tooth which is tender to tapping or touch, or sensitivity to hot or cold.

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**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**

- Tooth decay
- Infection
- Fracture
- Avulsion
- Abscess
- Facial cellulitis
- Impacted tooth (wisdom)
- TMJ Syndrome
- Myocardial infarction

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**Control bleeding with direct pressure**

*Fashion gauze into a small square and place into socket with patient closing teeth to exert pressure*

- May rinse gross contamination
- Do not rub or scrub tooth

**Cardiac monitor**

**Consider, IV**

**If dental or jaw pain or suspicious for cardiac**

- Perform 12-Lead ECG

**For pain consider, Fentanyl**

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**Notify receiving facility. Consider Base Hospital for medical direction**

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**Chest Pain: STEMI**