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.

Baby teeth are not reimplanted.

All pain associated with teeth should be associated with a tooth which is tender to tapping or touch, or sensitivity to hot or cold.

**Pearls**

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*Signs and Symptoms*

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

*Differential*

- Tooth decay
- Infection
- Fracture
- Avulsion
- Abscess
- Facial cellulitis
- Tooth exfoliation
- TMJ Syndrome

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**P**

Consider, IV

For pain
consider, Fentanyl

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**E**

Control bleeding with direct pressure

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

For avulsed tooth, place tooth in dairy milk or normal saline

May rinse gross contamination

Do not rub or scrub tooth

Cardiac monitor

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Notify receiving facility.

Consider Base Hospital for medical direction