

When a Tooth is Knocked Out

Permanent teeth that have been knocked out can be saved by quick action. These teeth can be put back into place in the mouth (replanted) and can return to normal function and appearance. Ideally the tooth should be replanted inside of 30 minutes. Do not try to replant a baby tooth.

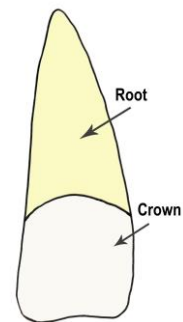
TIME IS CRITICAL!!!

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- Stay Calm
- Find the tooth
- Handle the tooth by the crown (white part) not by the root (yellow part)

If the tooth is clean:

- Replant immediately using the other teeth as a guide
- Have patient hold tooth in position.
- Aluminium cooking foil moulded around the teeth makes a useful temporary splint.



If the tooth is dirty:

- Clean with milk, patients own saliva or a balanced saline solution
- Replant tooth

If unable to replant, keep the tooth moist by either:

- Storing in milk
- Storing in a balanced saline solution
- Placing in patients mouth next to cheek with care not to swallow the tooth
- Wrapping in Plastic Food Wrap

Do not store in water!!!

If the tooth appears broken:

- Try to replant in socket or store as described previously

WHAT YOU MUST NOT DO

- Do not hold tooth root.
- Do not scrape or rub the root surface.
- Do not let the tooth dry out.
- Do not rinse in water.

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