



## Dental Emergencies

### **My Child Knocked His Baby Tooth Out\***

- Baby teeth are not normally put back in place
  - Children should still see the doctor to check the health of surrounding teeth and tissue

### **My Child Bumped His Baby Tooth\***

- Check to see if they are moved out of position
  - Can your child bite down normally?
- Teeth pushed backwards should be immediately moved back to original position
  - Squeeze tooth back into position with a wet washcloth
- Teeth pushed up into the socket should be left alone and allowed to re-erupt

### **My Child Knocked Her Permanent Tooth Out\***

- Time is very important—contact our office immediately
- If possible, find the tooth
- Permanent teeth can sometimes be saved and reinserted, but
  - Only handle the crown of the tooth—not the root
  - Store the broken tooth in milk
  - Or, if possible, reinsert the tooth into its socket

### **My Child Chipped a Tooth**

- Contact our office immediately if tooth is sensitive to air or child is in pain
- If possible, find and save the tooth fragment and place in milk or water
- It may be possible to glue the tooth fragment back on with a composite resin

### **My Child Has a Toothache**

- If the toothache occurs after hours
  - Brush around the tooth as best as possible
  - Floss around the tooth and rinse with salt water
  - Give your child children's strength acetaminophen or ibuprofen
  - For your child's comfort, unless medically necessary, no dental work should be performed until facial swelling is reduced with antibiotics
- If pain persists, call the office and page one of our doctors
- If there is noticeable facial swelling, page one of our doctors
- Otherwise, call our office during office hours to schedule an appointment
- Any child in pain will be seen that same day

### **Broken Braces, Wires, or Other Orthodontic Appliances**

- If your child is in pain, contact our office immediately
- If your child is not in pain, contact our office during business hours
  - It is important that you call us and reschedule immediately, so there is no delay in your child's orthodontic progress
  - We will do our best to reschedule your child promptly
- If done easily, remove the broken appliance
- Cover any protruding wires with wax
- Do not attempt to remove a wire stuck in your child's tongue, cheek, lip, or gums

\*If you suspect head trauma (lost consciousness, vomiting, blurred vision or headaches), go to the ER first