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TRAUMA TO TEETH

THINGS TO WATCH OUT FOR FOLLOWING TRAUMA TO THE MOUTH:

- The traumatized tooth / teeth may change color to shades of gray, black or yellow. This is primarily due to pulpal necrosis (death) / deposition of pigments.
- The nerve of the tooth can become necrotic; therefore the gum tissue above the tooth needs to be checked periodically for an abscess. This would look like a bubble above the tooth. This occur months or years following the trauma.
- Root resorption, (melting away, a normal process) may occur in some traumatized teeth.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- If the tooth / teeth are loose and mobile, avoid using the teeth and within 7 days the teeth will firm.
- Soft diet for the first few days or per Dr. Shemmeri's recommendation.
- TYLENOL or IBUPROFEN for discomfort.
- The lip or surrounding tissue may bruise, but the are should clear up within (7-10) days.

Please call our office if you have any questions or concerns.

References:
- American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry: The Handbook. 1996. 97.