

NOTE

Contact Surgeon before giving any medication marked with an asterisk. In an emergency or during Loss of Signal, begin appropriate treatment; then call Surgeon as soon as possible.

INFECTION (DENTAL ABSCESS)

Signs and Symptoms

Swelling

Fever

Palpable tender and raised lymph nodes under lower jaw

Redness or pus leaking around affected tooth

Dull ache from area

May have dull ache when biting on tooth (not sharp or stabbing pain)

Usually no sensitivity to hot or cold stimulus (molar teeth can have cold and hot sensitivity)

Treatment

1. ANTIBIOTICS

Antibiotics are not always indicated.

Surgeon and dental consultants will make recommendations.

If indicated, the following would be used.

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Amoxil (Amoxicillin) (P1-A13,14,15)

Dose: 1 tablet every 8 hours

**WARNING**

Do not use if there is a history of Penicillin or Cephalosporin allergy.

Possible side effects

Nausea, diarrhea, rash

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Ampioks (Ampicillin/Oxacillin)

Dose: 2 capsules 4 to 6 times/day for 7 days

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### WARNING

Do not use if there is history of Penicillin allergy.

Possible side effects

Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea

If Penicillin allergy exists

Zithromax (Azithromycin) (P1-B7)

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Dose: 2 tablets first day then 1 tablet every day thereafter for 4 days  
Take 1 hour prior to or 2 hours after meal.

Possible side effects

Diarrhea, nausea, abdominal pain, vomiting

## 2. PAIN RELIEF

### 2.1 Mild to Moderate Pain

#### DRUG HELP

1. Ascriptin (buffered aspirin) Motrin, Voltaren, and Arthrotec are anti-inflammatory and analgesic agents and in the doses recommended here are nearly equivalent in pain relief. All may cause mild upset stomach and should be avoided if there is allergy to aspirin. Arthrotec is a combination of anti-inflammatory drug and stomach-protective agent, with decreased risk of stomach discomfort and erosions; it should be used if the other agents cannot be tolerated. Selection and dosing are based on crew experience.
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Ascriptin (Aspirin) (P1-B1,2) - Pain reliever, anti-inflammatory

Dose: 2 tablets every 4 to 6 hours as needed

**WARNING**

Do not use in patients with asthma, history of aspirin allergy, GI, or other bleeding problems.

Possible side effects

Upset stomach, ringing in ears

PULPITIS

Signs and Symptoms

Painful stimulus to heat and/or cold

May have pain to bite pressure

Spontaneous pain even without provocation

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### CRACKED TEETH

#### Signs and Symptoms

Sharp stabbing pain when biting down especially on release

Unusual cold sensitivity

There may or may not be any visible signs of crack

#### Treatment

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Dose: 2 tablets every 4 to 6 hours as needed

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Possible side effects

Upset stomach, ringing in ears

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Tylenol (Acetaminophen) (P1-A1,2,3) - Aspirin-free pain reliever

Dose: 2 tablets every 4 to 6 hours as needed

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Analgin - Non-narcotic analgesic agent

Dose: 1 tablet 3 times/day

Possible side effects

Blood clotting defect due to low platelet count

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Motrin (Ibuprofen) (P1-B5,6) - Intermediate-strength pain reliever, anti-inflammatory

Dose: 1 tablet every 6 hours with food and drink as needed

### WARNING

Do not take if allergic to aspirin.

Possible side effects

Upset stomach, diarrhea

### 1.2 Severe Pain

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Vicodin (Hydrocodone Bitartrate, Acetaminophen) (P1-B3) -  
Narcotic pain reliever

<b>DRUG HELP</b>
1. Vicodin is Tylenol plus a mild narcotic and is a potent pain reliever. It may cause some drowsiness and dizziness.
2. Xylocaine with Epinephrine is for local injection and use should be coordinated with Surgeon. If necessary, Vicodin could be used along with Xylocaine injection.

Dose: 1-2 tablets every 4 to 6 hours as needed

<u>NOTE</u>
The following drugs should not be used together as they may cause excessive drowsiness: Ambien, Benadryl, Claritin, Compazine, Dilantin, Demerol, Haldol, Morphine, Phenergan, Restoril, Valium, Vicodin, Soma, Grandaxin, Persen, Phenazepam, Phenibut, Radedorm, Relanium, Rudotel, Suprastin, Tavegil, Xanax.

Possible side effects

Dizziness, drowsiness, nausea, vomiting constipation, urinary retention

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Xylocaine with Epinephrine ( Lidocaine with Epinephrine) (Dental-5) - **I**  
Injectable local anesthetic  
Refer to {DENTAL - INJECTION TECHNIQUE} (SODF: ISS MED:  
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2. Avoid using tooth.
3. Contact Surgeon for additional recommendations.