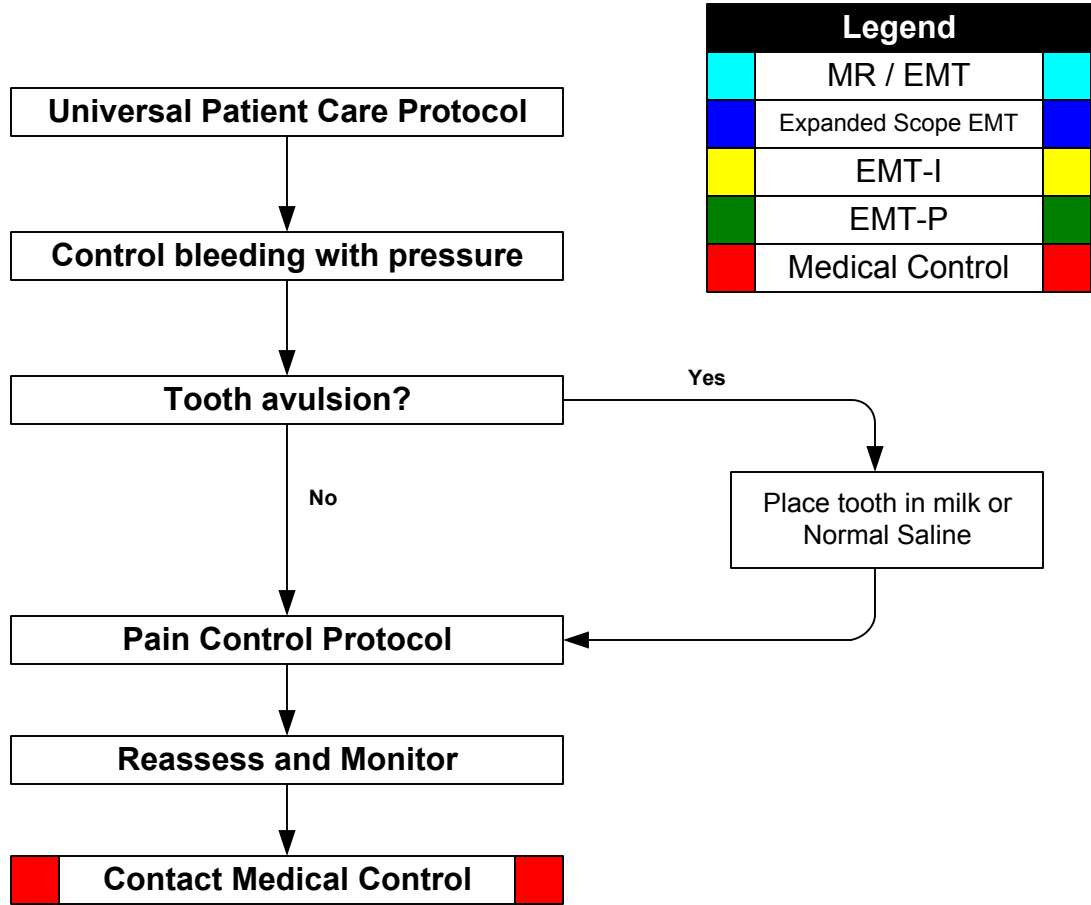


FORSYTH COUNTY EMS MEDICAL PROTOCOLS

Dental Problems

History: * Age * Past medical history * Medications * Onset of pain / injury * Trauma with "knocked out" tooth * Location of tooth * Whole vs partial tooth injury	Signs and Symptoms: * Bleeding * Pain * Fever * Swelling * Tooth missing or fractured	Differential: * Decay * Infection * Fracture * Avulsion * Abscess * Facial cellulitis * Impacted tooth (wisdom) * TMJ syndrome * Myocardial infarction
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Pearls:

- * **Exam: Mental Status, HEENT, Neck, Chest, Lungs, Neuro**
- * 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.
- * Assess for head and neck trauma when tooth avulsed.
- * Occasionally cardiac chest pain can radiate to the jaw.
- * All pain associated with teeth should be associated with a tooth which is tender to tapping or touch (or sensitive to cold or hot).