



Peninsula Dental Social Enterprise (PDSE)

Extraction – Management of Fractured Teeth During Treatment

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Clinical Guidelines for the Management of Fractured Teeth

- A radiograph must be taken to determine the size and position of the residual tooth fragment.
- The decision has to be made to either:
 - Leave in situ
 - Remove
- Leave in situ should be considered if:
 - The patient declines further surgery
 - $\leq 1/3$ rd of the root remains and
 - The fragment has not been displaced
 - There is no apical pathology present
- If a decision is taken to leave the root in place, the clinician must inform the patient and clearly write all the details in the notes. The patient must also be informed to contact the department if any pain, infection develops at the extraction site later.
- If the decision is made to remove the fractured tooth, the attending clinical supervisor would determine if it is appropriate for the student / supervisor to perform the surgical extraction.
- If the supervisor is not happy to supervise / perform the surgical extraction, the patient should be referred and given appropriate advice regarding the care of the extraction site (including analgesia) until the appointment.
- The patient may be referred using appropriate forms and accompanying radiograph (taken after tooth fracture) to one of the following as appropriate:

➤ **Plymouth**

Oral Surgery Clinics of Dr. Kamran Ali at DEF in Devonport (Plymouth).

OR

Devon Referral Support Services (DRSS) Dental

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