



## Definition of Dental Emergency

### Overview and Background Facts:

The ISDS House of Delegates approved ISDS Parameters of Care Document – The Dental Emergency in 1993.

### Comments:

A dental emergency is not defined by the patient and based on their perception of the situation.

### ISDS Position Statement:

A dental emergency is an oral condition that occurs suddenly and creates an urgent need for professional consultation and or treatment. The clinical condition may include hemorrhage, infection, pain, and trauma. (ISDS Parameters of Care Document – The Dental Emergency 1993)