DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Treatment Protocol: ENT / DENTAL EMERGENCIES

- 1. Assess airway and initiate basic and/or advanced airway maneuvers prn (MCG 1302)
- 2. Administer **Oxygen** prn (MCG 1302)
- 3. Assess for signs of trauma If traumatic injury suspected, treat in conjunction with *TP 1244, Traumatic Injury*
- 4. Control bleeding with direct pressure ①
- 5. For epistaxis:
 Control bleeding by pinching nose just distal to nasal bone with head in neutral position and patient sitting forward
 Document Provider Impression *Epistaxis*
- For tooth avulsion: Handle it by the enamel (crown) and do not touch the root Place in container with Normal Saline
- For complaints of throat irritation and/or foreign body sensation: Assess for airway obstruction, if present treat per *TP 1234, Airway Obstruction* For throat complaints without airway obstruction, document Provider Impression – *ENT/Dental Emergencies*
- 8. Establish vascular access prn (MCG 1375)
- 9. For pain management: refer to MCG 1345, Pain Management
- 10. For nausea or vomiting: Ondansetron 4mg ODT/IV/IM, may repeat x1 in 15 min prn

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SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- If unable to sit upright due to poor perfusion or concerns for trauma with possible thoracic or lumbar spinal injury, consider log rolling on side to prevent airway compromise.
- 2 To prevent aspiration and for patient comfort, sit patient in high Fowler's position leaning forward and suction prn.