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How is dental trauma emergency care organized in your country?

EDITORIAL

For some dental injuries the prognosis is decided by the correct management at the place of accident and the time immediately after the accident. The availability of immediate emergency care is important. During day time it is usually possible to reach a dentist with competence in trauma treatment. Clinics with emergency services are open and emergency dentists are available and even consultations with specialists such as Pediatric Dentists, Endodontists and Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons are possible. After office hours, however, it takes a special organization of emergency services to be able to offer optimal immediate treatment on the right competence level. This will always be carried out in different ways in various parts of the world depending on available competence, economical resources and geographic

factors such as urban or rural population density. Our journal is interested in surveying how emergency treatment of dental trauma is organized in different parts of the world and we have the intention to further look into this and come back in a later article on how to organize emergency services for dental trauma. Please share with us your experience of successful, and non-successful, trauma emergency organization models by writing an email to us. I am convinced we can learn from each other's experiences in this field.

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