

Policy on Emergency Oral Care for Infants, Children, and Adolescents

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The American Dental Association's Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct state that emergency care is an essential duty of every dentist.¹

A dentist who accepts an infant, child, or adolescent as a patient of record shall make reasonable arrangements for emergency oral/dental care, along with providing instructions to the parent/guardian for accessing emergency care. When consulted in an emergency by patients not of record, the dentist should make reasonable arrangements for emergency care.

Reference

1. American Dental Association. *Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct*. Available at: <http://www.ada.org/prof/prac/law/code/index.asp>.

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