

Alert: Provision of Dental Emergency Services in Saskatchewan

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A dental emergency exists if professional judgement indicates that a person needs immediate attention to address oral trauma, pain, infection, bleeding or other associated medical complications. Emergency cases should be managed via telephone screening risk assessment by taking a verbal history of the patient's condition and providing appropriate pharmacotherapy. Attached for reference are Adult and Pediatric Pharmacologic Management Resources adapted from ADA&C.

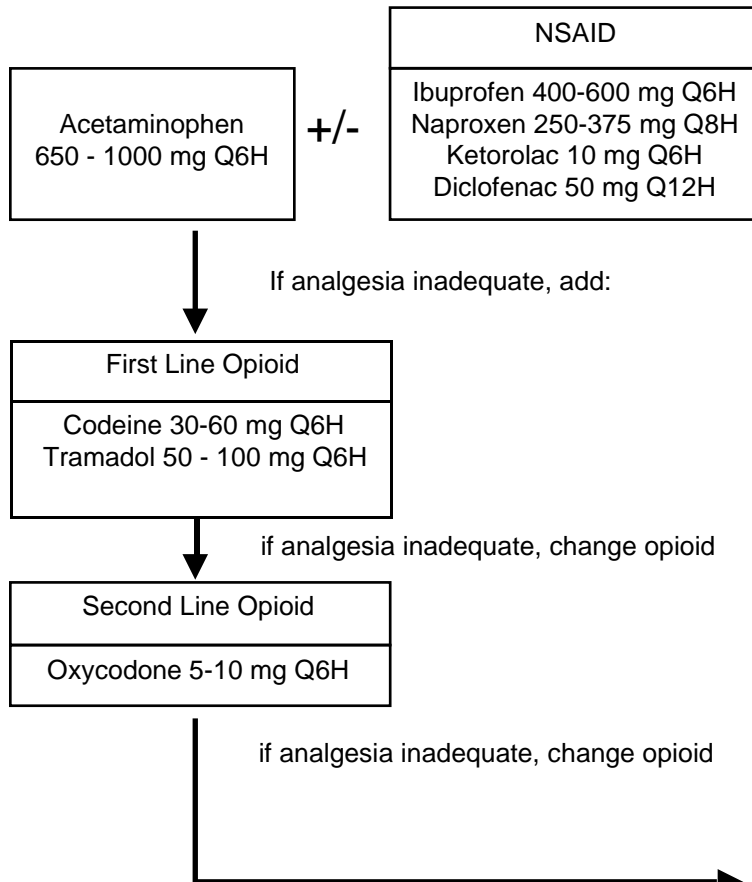
CDSS members are **not to provide routine or urgent care** to patients. CDSS members are strongly recommended to only provide emergency dental care that fits within the above description.

Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, the CDSS strongly recommends the use of consent documents for **patients and staff** similar to the attached ADA&C resource documents.

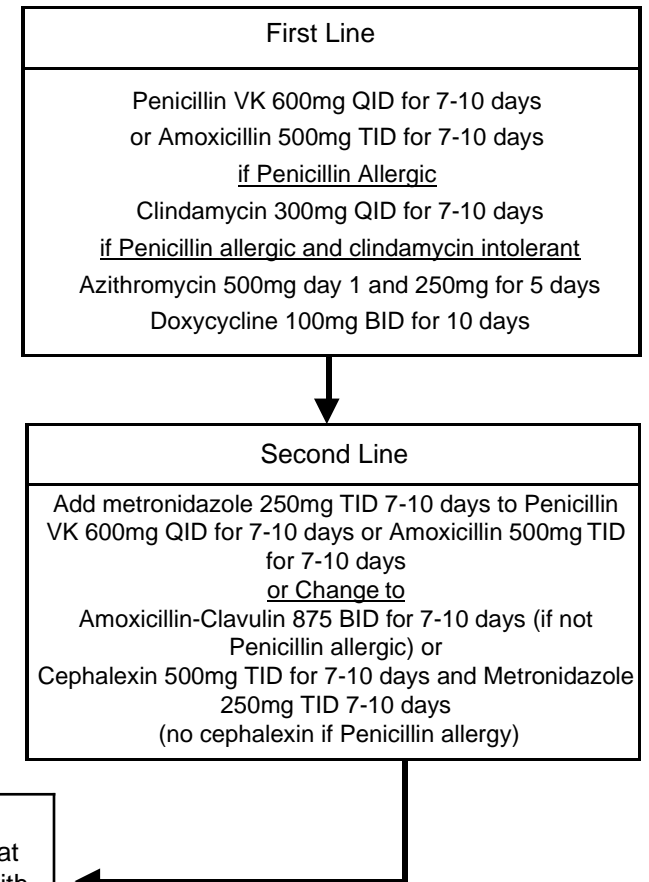
Further communications will be provided to all CDSS members.

Adult Pharmacologic Management (CDSS Adaptation from ADA&C)

Pain Management Algorithm



Antibiotic Algorithm



If large facial swelling develops **INCLUDING** signs of airway threat (trismus, dysphagia, odynophagia, dyspnea, hoarseness, etc) or mid face swelling (eye swollen shut), direct patient to nearest emergency department.

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Pediatric Pharmacologic Management (CDSS Adaptation From ADA&C)

Analgesia Algorithm

Acetaminophen		Ibuprofen
<p>< Age 12: 10-15 mg/kg/dose Q6H</p> <p>12 or older: 325-600 mg Q6H</p>	+/-	<p><50 kg: 4-10 mg/kg/dose Q6H</p> <p>12 or older: 200 mg Q4-6H</p>

Antibiotic Algorithm

First Line
<p>Amoxicillin</p> <p>< Age 12: 40 mg/kg/day divided into 3 doses</p> <p>12 or older: 250 - 500 mg Q8H</p>
or
Penicillin Allergy
<p>Clindamycin</p> <p>< Age 12: 15 mg/kg/day divided into 3 doses</p> <p>12 or older: 150 mg Q6H</p>
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Alternatives
<p>Cephalexin</p> <p>50 mg/kg/day divided into 3 doses (if no Penicillin Allergy)</p> <p>or</p> <p>Azithromycin</p> <p>12 mg/kg on day one. single dose then 6 mg/kg once daily x 4 days</p>

If symptom management inadequate at this point, discuss with a specialist such as an endodontist, pediatric dentist, oral & maxillofacial surgeon, or hospital dentist

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