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Management of Foreign Body Aspirations in Dental Clinics

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Abstract

Foreign Body Aspiration is a potential complication in dental practice. The aspiration of a tooth or its fragments represents a serious medical situation because it can rapidly block the airways partially or completely. The edges of the tooth may traumatize the lining of respiratory mucosa. Many dental materials and instruments are of small size, and when exposed to saliva with limited opening of oral cavity it becomes all the more difficult to manipulate them correctly. When the patient is placed in the supine or semi-raised position, such objects might be swallowed or aspirated into the oropharynx. Foreign Body Aspiration episodes have the potential to result in acute medical and life-threatening emergencies. Prevention is clearly the best approach however when such cases and situation are presented rapid intervention is essential for ensuring patient safety. This review article highlights the protocol of management of Foreign Body Aspirations in Dental Clinics.

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