

CASE REPORT: A TOOTHY INJURY

Mohd Nazri Noh¹, Saveen Singh Pasricha¹, Adibah Samat¹

¹Hospital Segamat

Introduction: Open wound with bone loss are a common occurrence following high energy trauma. But usually the bone fragments are lost on the roadside and not usable. However, the penetration of avulsed teeth into soft tissue is unusual and may not be recognized. Following the trauma involving craniofacial, thorough evaluation including dentition is important as well as physical evaluation and radiological evaluation as avulsed teeth may lead to serious complications. One case is reported in which a tooth became the foreign body.

Discussion: This patient presented with an alleged motorbike skid, with the right elbow flexed over the mouth and sustained an open wound over the right hand. Based on the history and x-ray findings of the patient, the foreign body was suggested to be his tooth.

Conclusion: This case shows that a body fragment can be a foreign body insertion in any open wound injury or hollow organs or to the patient themselves, which shows that dentition evaluation is important as well as other physical evaluations.