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DENTO-FACIAL TRAUMA IN CHILDREN

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Trauma is one of the most common presentations of children to a pediatric dental surgeon. The management of dento-facial trauma in children is distressing for both child and parent and often difficult for the dental practitioner. The majority of injuries involve the dentition and its supporting structures. Facial fractures are rather uncommon in children. The principles of management of traumatic injuries in children may differ from that in adults due to certain anatomical and patho-physiological factors specifically related to children. Careful assessment with proper treatment of dento-facial injuries can have a significant effect on outcome and prognosis. Children require long term follow up to monitor potential complications including growth abnormalities. This presentation would give an overview of the common manifestations of different types of dento-facial trauma in children with particular reference to classification, assessment and formulation of treatment strategies.