

Handling Medical Emergencies in Dentistry

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Every dentist must have knowledge about managing medical emergencies. Dentists should be proficient in the diagnosis of medical emergencies as well as to perform primary management of medical emergencies, which they can come across in their practice [2].

Vasovagal syncope, Hyperventilation, Anaphylaxis, Postural Hypotension Asthma, Epileptic attacks, Diabetic emergencies, Local anaesthetic toxicity, Airway obstruction, Adrenal insufficiency, Haemorrhage, Myocardial Infarction, Hypoglycaemia are the various medical emergencies which any dental surgeon can come across [2-5].

Aspirin, Oxygen, Nitroglycerin, Epinephrine, Salbutamol, Antihistamine are essential emergency drugs for the management of various medical emergency situations [1]. Hence, any dental clinic should be well equipped with these drugs as well as clinician should have knowledge about the use of these drugs.

Any dental clinic should be well-equipped with emergency equipments like Oxygen cylinder, Oropharyngeal airways, Automated External Defibrillator [AED] to manage medical emergencies encountered [3].

To administer basic life support measures and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation is an important and golden rule for the management of medical emergencies [4].

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