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PREVENTION OF EMERGENCY CONDITIONS IN DENTAL DISEASES: FEATURES OF EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND MODERN TREATMENT METHODS

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Abstract

Emergency conditions in dental practice represent an important clinical problem, since progression of inflammatory diseases of the teeth and maxillofacial tissues can lead to pronounced pain syndrome, spread of infection, bleeding, and impairment of vital functions. The aim of the study was to systematize modern approaches to the prevention of dental emergency conditions, early diagnosis, and selection of treatment tactics. An analysis was conducted of current clinical guidelines and scientific publications devoted to acute dental pain, odontogenic infections, inflammatory complications, bleeding, and medical emergencies in the dental office. The main risk factors, clinical signs of early complications, and the algorithm for initial patient assessment were examined. It was established that timely diagnosis of dental diseases, elimination of the source of infection, rational use of medications, and preparedness of medical personnel are the main components of preventing severe complications. Of particular importance is a differentiated approach to antibiotic use: in localized dental infections without systemic signs, dental intervention is of primary importance, whereas the presence of systemic involvement requires additional assessment of the need for antibacterial therapy. A comprehensive preventive approach reduces the likelihood of disease progression and increases the safety of dental care.

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Introduction

Dental diseases are among the most common human diseases. Dental caries, pulpitis, periodontitis, periodontal disease, and inflammatory processes of the soft tissues may initially be limited in nature; however, in the absence of timely diagnosis and treatment, they can progress to complicated forms.

Conditions accompanied by intense pain, progressive swelling, elevated body temperature, impaired swallowing or breathing, marked weakness, and bleeding are of particular clinical significance. In such situations, the dentist must simultaneously identify the local source of the disease and assess the patient's general condition.

In addition to complications of dental diseases themselves, general somatic emergency conditions may arise during a dental appointment: vasovagal reactions, hypoglycemia, allergic reactions, convulsive states, chest pain, and cardiac arrest. Therefore, the safety of dental care depends not only on the quality of dental treatment but also on the readiness of the medical team to recognize and manage emergency conditions.

Current guidelines consider the prevention of medical emergencies in dental practice as a set of measures including preliminary assessment of the patient's condition, identification of risk factors, availability of necessary equipment, staff training, and development of a clear algorithm of action.

One of the important problems of modern dentistry remains the rational use of antibiotics. Their use should not replace elimination of the source of odontogenic infection. According to the recommendations of the American Dental Association, in most localized pulpal and periapical conditions without systemic signs, appropriate dental intervention is of primary importance, whereas in the

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case of systemic involvement, the need for antibiotic therapy is assessed additionally.

Thus, early diagnosis and prevention are the most important components of preventing severe dental complications.

Aim of the study — To systematize modern approaches to the prevention of emergency conditions in dental diseases, to determine the main clinical signs of early complications, and to examine modern methods of diagnosis and treatment.

Materials and methods

The study was carried out in the format of an analytical review of scientific and clinical literature.

Current clinical guidelines and scientific publications devoted to emergency conditions in dental practice, acute dental pain, odontogenic infections, prevention of medical emergencies, antibacterial therapy, and diagnostic tactics were used as the information base.

In the analysis of the literature, primary attention was given to the following areas:

- prevention of complications of caries and its consequences;
- early diagnosis of pulpitis and periapical inflammatory processes;
- diagnosis and treatment of odontogenic infections;
- prevention and control of post-extraction bleeding;
- prevention of medical emergency conditions;
- rational use of antibiotics;
- modern approaches to the control of acute dental pain;
- organization of emergency care in the dental office.

The diagnostic approach was assessed taking into account the sequence of clinical examination: history and complaint collection, risk factor assessment, external

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examination, oral cavity examination, special dental tests, and the use of imaging methods according to clinical indications.

For systematization of the material, emergency conditions were divided into two main categories:

1. complications of dental diseases;
2. general somatic emergency conditions arising during dental treatment.

Table 1. Main groups of emergency conditions in dental practice

Group	Main conditions	Characteristic manifestations
Odontogenic	Pulpitis, periodontitis	Acute pain, pain on biting
Infectious	Abscess, cellulitis, phlegmon	Swelling, hyperemia, pain, fever
Bleeding	Post-extraction bleeding	Prolonged bleeding
Traumatic	Injuries to teeth and jaws	Pain, functional impairment
Syncopal	Vasovagal reaction	Dizziness, weakness, loss of consciousness
Allergic	Allergic reaction, anaphylaxis	Swelling, skin manifestations, respiratory impairment
Metabolic	Hypoglycemia	Weakness, sweating, behavioral change
Cardiac	Acute chest pain	Retrosternal pain, weakness

Results

Analysis of scientific data showed that most potentially dangerous dental conditions are associated with delayed detection of disease, progression of the local inflammatory process, or insufficient readiness of medical personnel for the development of a medical emergency.

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The main risk factors were the absence of regular dental follow-up, untreated caries, unsatisfactory oral hygiene, the presence of chronic diseases, use of medications affecting hemostasis, allergic history, and the absence of a complete medical history.

The results of systematization of clinical signs showed that rapidly increasing swelling, pronounced pain, fever, trismus, impaired swallowing, and respiratory difficulty are of particular diagnostic significance.

Table 2. Clinical signs and their diagnostic significance

Clinical sign	Possible condition	Diagnostic significance
Intense spontaneous pain	Acute pulpitis	Requires urgent dental examination
Pain on biting	Periapical inflammation	Possible involvement of periapical tissues
Local swelling	Abscess	Requires determination of the source of infection
Rapidly progressing swelling	Spreading infection	Increased risk of complications
Fever	Systemic involvement	Requires assessment of general condition
Trismus	Spread of inflammation	Sign of a potentially severe process
Dysphagia	Deep infection	Requires urgent assessment
Respiratory impairment	Airway compromise	Emergency condition
Prolonged bleeding	Hemostatic disorder	Requires emergency care

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Early diagnosis of odontogenic infection is of particular importance. A localized inflammatory process may begin with limited pain and swelling; however, in the absence of treatment, it can spread to surrounding tissues.

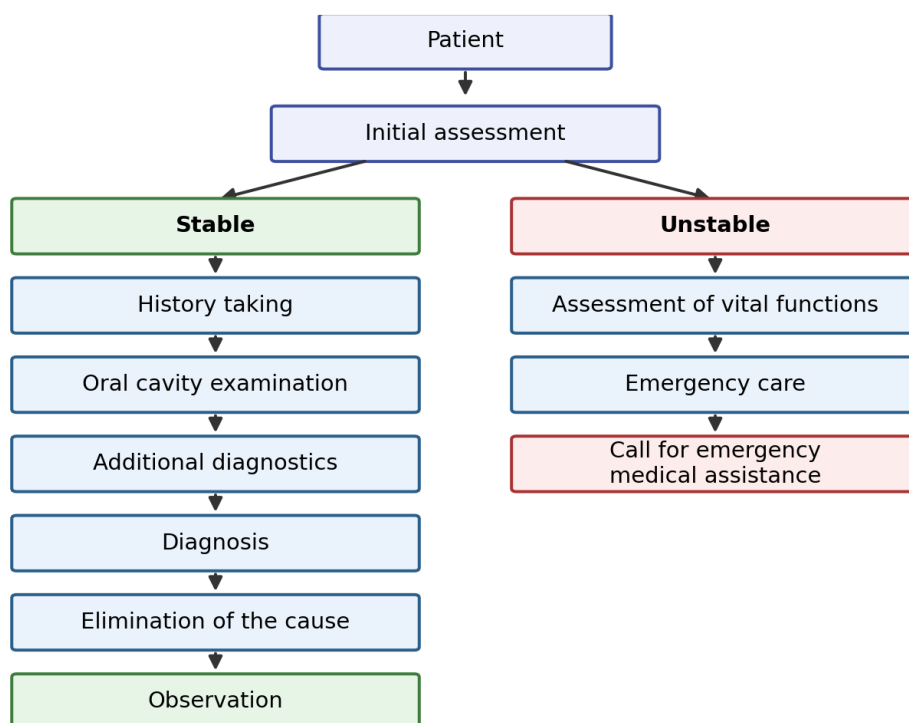


Figure 1. Algorithm for early recognition of an emergency condition

Analysis of modern treatment approaches showed that the main principle in the management of odontogenic infections is elimination of the source of infection. Depending on the clinical situation, this may include endodontic treatment, drainage, or extraction of the causative tooth.

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In the treatment of acute dental pain, it is necessary to simultaneously control the pain syndrome and eliminate its cause. Current recommendations allow the use of NSAIDs alone or in combination with paracetamol in the absence of contraindications.

Antibacterial therapy should not be used automatically for every episode of toothache. In a localized process without systemic manifestations, dental intervention is the priority.

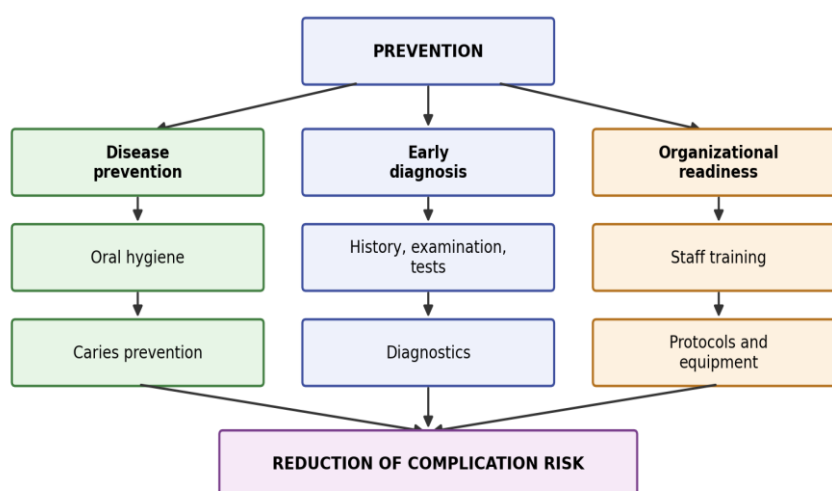


Figure 2. Multilevel prevention system

Analysis of organizational factors showed that the readiness of dental personnel is an independent component of prevention. A dental clinic should have a predetermined algorithm of action for medical emergencies, equipment for providing first aid, and staff capable of performing specific actions in accordance with the protocol.

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Discussion

The data obtained from the analysis indicate that prevention of emergency conditions should begin long before the onset of an emergency situation. The most effective approach is a comprehensive one, in which prevention of dental diseases is combined with early identification of risk factors and organizational readiness of medical personnel.

One of the most significant factors is timely treatment of caries. Progression of the carious process can lead to pulp involvement, development of periapical inflammation, and abscess formation. Consequently, preventive dentistry has direct significance for preventing emergency conditions.

Recognition of signs of the spread of odontogenic infection is of particular importance. Localized pain and mild swelling require dental examination, whereas rapidly progressing swelling, trismus, dysphagia, fever, or respiratory impairment require substantially greater urgency of medical assessment.

The modern approach to the treatment of odontogenic infections differs from the strategy in which an antibiotic is regarded as the primary treatment. The main task is elimination of the source of infection. Antibiotics are used when there are appropriate clinical indications, especially in the presence of systemic signs of infection. This approach simultaneously promotes effective treatment and rational use of antibacterial agents.

Special attention should be given to the problem of acute dental pain. Analgesic therapy is important for the patient's condition; however, temporary suppression of pain without treating the cause of the disease does not prevent further progression of the pathological process. Therefore, pharmacological pain control should be regarded as part of a comprehensive treatment strategy.

An equally important direction is the prevention of medical emergencies directly during a dental appointment. Even with careful history-taking, such conditions cannot be completely excluded. Therefore, the dental clinic must be prepared for

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the occurrence of syncope, allergic reactions, hypoglycemia, convulsive states, and other emergency situations.

Staff preparation should include not only theoretical knowledge but also regular practical training. An important element is the distribution of roles among staff: one employee assesses the patient's condition, another calls for emergency medical assistance, and a third prepares the necessary equipment. Such an organization allows the response time to be reduced.

The data obtained allow the prevention of emergency conditions to be presented as a sequential system:

risk assessment → early diagnosis → timely treatment → condition monitoring → relapse prevention → readiness for emergency care.

Conclusion. Prevention of emergency conditions in dental diseases represents a comprehensive system uniting primary prevention, early diagnosis, timely treatment, and organizational readiness of the dental team.

The results of the analysis show that timely detection of caries, pulpitis, periodontitis, and local infectious processes prevents their progression to more severe forms. Rapidly progressing swelling, fever, trismus, dysphagia, and respiratory impairment are of particular diagnostic significance.

The modern treatment strategy for odontogenic infections should be directed primarily at eliminating the source of infection. Antibacterial therapy should be prescribed according to clinical indications rather than used as a universal remedy for toothache.

The preparedness of dental personnel plays a substantial role. The availability of a written algorithm of action, necessary equipment, and regular training increases the safety of dental care.

Thus, effective prevention of emergency conditions is based on a combination of regular dental prevention, early diagnosis, evidence-based treatment, rational pharmacotherapy, and organizational readiness of medical personnel.

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