

Pediatric Dentistry for Children and Young Adults

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What to Do When Your Child is Diagnosed with a Facial Cellulitis

Your child's examination shows that she/he has a very serious infection involving swelling of the face which is called a facial cellulitis. This usually develops after an injury, cut, bite, sting, or a dental abscess. However, it may also occur without any known cause. There is usually a localized area of redness, swelling, sometimes heat, and pain. An infected tooth with an abscess (collection of pus) is the most common reason for facial cellulitis seen in our office.



INSTRUCTIONS:

Elevate the affected area (sleep with an extra pillow)

Apply wet, warm compresses to the area four times a day for 30 minutes

Take prescribed medication as the doctor has directed

**Call your physician or go immediately to the Emergency Department
of the nearest hospital
if any of the following occurs:**

Chills, fever, or vomiting

Increased swelling or increased pain, especially around the eye

Increased redness or increased red streaking from the infected area

Elevation of the floor of the mouth, difficulty swallowing, or difficulty breathing