

# DENTAL PAIN

Minor Complaint. Huge SLOE Points.

## Other info

- Look up a picture of the teeth numbering system
- Also research Inferior Alveolar Nerve Blocks and watch a You tube video on how to perform one and what your landmarks are

## Approach to Dental Pain

1) **Which tooth** is the most painful and number it correctly, (1-32) Tooth 1 is top back right, tooth 32 is bottom back right.

### 2) **Choose a diagnosis**

Pulpitis: Pain of the tooth itself, sometimes you will see you pulp exposed.

Gingivitis: Pain of the gingiva around the tooth

Periapical Abscess: Will have severe pain with percussion of the tooth

### 3) **Pain medication**

NSAIDS are the best, can give narcotics as well

### 4) **Consider antibiotics**

Give Penicillin VK for Periapical abscess and bad gingivitis. No antibiotics for pulpitis

### 1) **Inferior Alveolar Nerve Block**

Watch a You tube video for more info

## References

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