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 Abcess: 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 abcess and bad gingivitis. No antibiotics for pulpitis

1) Inferior Alveolar Nerve Block
Watch a You tube video for more info

References