

- For mandibular teeth, inferior alveolar block numbs a large unilateral region. Maxillary teeth require individual supraperiosteal blocks.
- <u>Amoxicillin</u> is the antibiotic of choice for odontogenic infections.
- Milk is the preferred solution to soak an avulsed tooth while awaiting reimplantation.

Supraperiosteal Block:
Hold lip taut
With needle parallel to tooth's long axis, aim to apex
Bevel toward bone & penetrate at mucogingival junction
Contact bone & aspirate
Inject 1-2mL anesthetic

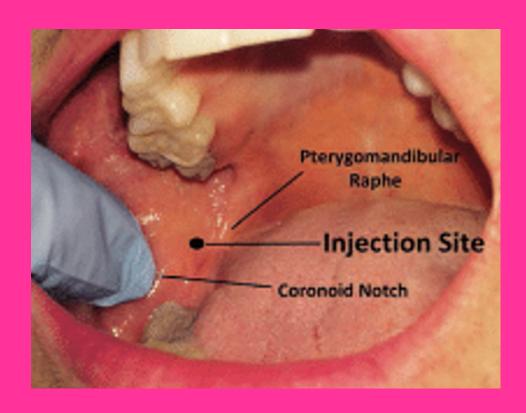


## Pearls:

Apply topical anesthetic first
If anesthetizing multiple teeth move lateral to medial due to neuroanatomy

Inferior Alveolar Block:
Thumb at coronoid notch, identify pterygomandibular raphe
Needle parallel to occlusal plane, bevel away from bone, syringe on contralatral mandibular premolars
Insert needle 3-5mm lateral to

pterygomandibular raphe
Contact bone, retract 1-2mm & aspirate
Inject 0.75-1.5mL here, remainder of the 1-2mL dose as retracting



## **Pearls:**

Open the mouth WIDEUse topical anesthetic first