

## **The Role of Orthodontics in Trauma Management**

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This lecture will begin with a review of basic information on dental trauma in the general population. It will give the orthodontist a list of resources to use in the diagnosis and treatment of traumatic dental injuries. Special attention will be given to cases where the orthodontist can aid the general dentist or pediatric dentist in replacing displaced teeth with orthodontic force. A how-to checklist will be shared to provide a template for treatment of dental trauma.

The lecture will also teach orthodontists how to recognize and treat dental trauma in their patients who are ready to begin orthodontic treatment or who are already in treatment. Guidelines on how soon to begin movement of teeth that have sustained trauma prior to beginning orthodontic treatment will be shared. Suggestions on how to manage trauma in patients who are already in treatment will be reviewed. Case reports will be shared to demonstrate the suggested techniques in trauma management.