A NOVEL APPROACH FOR MANAGEMENT OF MEDICAL EMERGENCIES IN DENTAL OFFICE - A REVIEW

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Abstract:
Dentists must be prepared to manage medical emergencies which may arise in practice. Every Dental specialist should have the knowledge to identify and manage a potentially life-threatening situation. Prompt recognition and efficient management of an emergency by the specialist results in a satisfactory outcome. Though rare, emergencies do occur in a dental clinic. The ultimate goal in the management of all emergencies is the preservation of life. The prime requisite in managing an emergency is maintenance of proper Position (P), Airway (A), Breathing (B), Circulation (C), and Definitive treatment (D). An efficient and well prepared dental team can make all the difference in the event of a medical emergency. The purpose of this article is to provide a vision to the commonly occurring medical and dental emergencies and complications in dental practice and their management.

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