

# Medical Emergencies in the Orthodontic Office

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## Take a thorough medical history

- a. Visual assessment
- b. Consultations



## What Could Go Wrong?

1. Syncope
2. Allergic Reaction  
Mild vs. Severe
3. Hypoglycemia
4. Seizure
5. Asthmatic Attack
6. Aspiration

## Remember the 3 HYPO's

- a. *Hypo*-glycemic - sugar
- b. *Hypo*-volemic - blood volume
- c. *Hypo*-tension - pressure



## BE PREPARED!

- Emergency drills
- Check medications routinely
- BLS
- Emergency equipment available and checked routinely
- Emergency supplies
- Who's checking?



## Calling EMS

*NOT a physician's office, no MD present!*

Emergency Roles

## BLS

## Respiratory Emergencies & Airway Equipment

Crash Cart Supplies [www.healthfirst.com](http://www.healthfirst.com) \$600

## Emergency Exit Plan

