Lyme Bay Medical & Dental Practice

**Urgent dental treatment**

**Swelling**

**Questions:**

1. How big is the swelling and can you see it on the outside of your face?
2. How long have you had the swelling for?
3. Does the swelling extend to your eye/neck?
4. Are you able to open your mouth more than two fingers width?
5. Is the abscess draining itself?

**Advice:**

* Regular painkillers if required
* Hot salty water mouthwash if its draining
* Obvious facial swelling – antibiotics may be prescribed by the dentist for severe infection and swelling
* If the patient has continuing or recurrent symptoms – contacted your dental surgery for advice.

**A & E**

* Head to A&E if any facial swelling is affecting your breathing eating or vision.