

Dental prosthetic for a 5 year old child



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FIXED FUNCTIONAL AESTHETIC APPLIANCE: A GOOD SAMARITAN FOR 5 YEAR OLD CHILD

DESCRIPTION *Up to 250 words summarising the importance of the image(s)*

Deciduous maxillary incisor's early loss leads to linguo distal inclination, space loss, of anterior incisor segment and midline shift. ^[1] Missing upper front teeth causes para functional habits, depression leading to psychological problems, difficulty in pronunciation leading to reduced level of confidence. ^[2] A 6 year old boy reported to dental clinic with chief complaint of missing teeth in upper front region (Figure 1, 2 and 3). Parents revealed that the child had trauma and avulsion of upper anterior teeth while child was running 6 months back. Medical and family history was not significant. On intraoral examination 53, 54, 61, 62, 63, 64, 72, 73, 74 teeth were missing. Root stumps in relation to 82, 83 and dental caries with respect to 75 and 85 were found. Build of the child was normal for age. Orthopantogram confirmed completely avulsed upper incisors (Figure 4).

Pulpectomy followed by stainless steel crown was performed on 75 and 85. 82, 83 and 84 were extracted. Fixed anterior aesthetic space maintainer was given in relation to 53, 54, 61, 62, 63 and 64. Design consisted of two parts: a U shaped wire adapted to base of 53 and other part to engage artificial teeth (Figure 5 and 6). After soldering casts were mounted on hinge articulator and B1 shade was selected followed by teeth setting (Figure 7). Appliance was cemented with luting glass ionomer cement. For 72, 73, and 74 no treatment was performed since the succedaneous teeth was already in the process of eruption. The occlusion was evaluated for any premature contact (Figure 8 and 9). Patient was recalled after 6 months for follow up (Figure 10). Rehabilitation of primary anterior teeth aesthetically has psychological effect on the child's self-esteem. ^[3]

LEARNING POINTS/TAKE HOME MESSAGE *2 to 3 bullet points - this is a required field*

- Loss of tooth in child leads to inability to eat and chew which may cause poor oral habits resulting to weight loss therefore rehabilitation treatment options should be considered.
- Under five years of age children with anterior tooth loss are affected socially and psychologically. Children who attend day care or preschool programs may become aware of their appearance.
- Absence of maxillary anterior teeth, the lingual sides of which are needed by the tongue for certain phonation, may result in improper speech they have difficulty in pronunciation of letters like S, Z and Th.

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