A CASE REPORT BY
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Successful implant placement and horizontal augmentation for bilateral congenitally missing maxillary incisors
The Situation

A 30 year-old male patient was referred to me with bilateral congenitally missing lateral incisors in the maxilla. The referring general dentist had previously made a resin bonded bridge which was successful for a few years but had frequent debondings. Clinical examination revealed lack of ridge contour but the CBCT revealed existence of adequate width for placement of narrow diameter implants with additional bone grafting and contour augmentation. The existing bone anatomy precluded placement of implants for screw-retained restorations without a pre-surgical lateral ridge augmentation procedure. The patient accepted a treatment plan for placement of 2 narrow diameter implants and simultaneous bone grafting and contour augmentation followed by restoration with zirconia cement-retained crowns.

The Risk Profile

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<td>Intact immune system</td>
<td>Light smoker</td>
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<td>Low</td>
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<td>Height of smile line</td>
<td>Low</td>
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<td>Gingival biotype</td>
<td>Thick - “low scalloped”</td>
<td>Medium - “medium scalloped”</td>
<td>Thin - “high scalloped”</td>
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<td>Shape of dental crowns</td>
<td>Rectangular</td>
<td>Triangular</td>
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<td>Infection at implant site</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Chronic</td>
<td>Acute</td>
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<td>Bone height at adjacent tooth site</td>
<td>≤ 5 mm from contact point</td>
<td>5.5 - 6.5 from contact point</td>
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<td>Intact</td>
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<td>1 tooth (≥ 7 mm)</td>
<td>1 tooth (≤ 7 mm)</td>
<td>2 teeth or more</td>
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<td>Intact</td>
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<td>No defect</td>
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“The patient had failed resin bonded bridges with deficient contours for bilateral congenitally missing lateral incisors.”

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The Approach

My treatment goals were to preserve the existing soft-tissue architecture, especially the interdental papilla, mesial and distal to the lateral incisors, improve the facial contour at the lateral incisor sites by bone grafting with a low substitution biomaterial, and harmonize esthetics and function with optimal implant-supported restorations.

1 Frontal view revealed adequate contours of soft-tissue especially in gingival height and presence of interdental papilla which needed to be preserved.

2 Bilateral papilla-sparing incisions were used to preserve the existing papilla and the osteotomies were prepared to allow implant trajectories for cement retained restorations.

3 An apical fenestration was noted in the osteotomies. After placement of a narrow diameter implant at patient's right lateral incisor, the site was grafted with a mixture of autologous bone chips and Geistlich Bio-Oss®.

4 Geistlich Bio-Gide® is trimmed to match the trapezoidal flap design and placed over the graft material.

5 After a 3 month healing period, the implants were osseointegrated and then screw-retained provisional crowns were fabricated over both implants. The soft-tissues showed an excellent response to the bone graft materials.

6 The soft-tissues around the implants show excellent maturation and support especially in the interdental papilla region which was preserved during surgery.

7 Occlusal view shows adequate restoration of the facial contour around the implant restorations indicating excellent outcome from the contour augmentation procedure.

8 Frontal close-up view of the implant restorations shows pleasing dental and gingival esthetics.

“The single stage implant placement and simultaneous contour augmentation using a mixture of Geistlich Bio-Oss® and autologous bone chips.”

The Outcome

Single stage implant placement with bilateral papilla-sparing incision design and simultaneous contour augmentation using a mixture of Geistlich Bio-Oss® autologous bone chips and Geistlich Bio-Gide®.
Briefly Speaking

Keys to Success
1. Bilateral papilla-sparing incision design
2. Implant placement with simultaneous contour augmentation procedure
3. Use of a low substitution deproteinized bovine bone material with a rapidly vascularizing membrane
4. Single stage procedure to support soft-tissue volume and contour
5. Appropriate provisional restorations to sculpt the soft-tissues

My Materials
A. Geistlich Bio-Oss® 0.5mg
B. Geistlich Bio-Gide® 25 x 25mm
C. Straumann NC Bone Level Implant 3.3 x 12mm
D. Straumann NC Bone Level Healing Abutments 3.5 x 12mm
E. 5-0 Nylon sutures, for closure of crestal incision
F. 5-0 PGA sutures, for closure of vertical releasing incisions

My Biomaterials
Geistlich Bio-Oss® provides a stable scaffold for bone formation leading to long-term volume preservation, while Geistlich Bio-Gide® ensures undisturbed bone regeneration and prevents soft-tissue ingrowth and excellent soft-tissue response.

“Geistlich Bio-Oss® granules are placed after implant placement
Geistlich Bio-Gide® is placed over the graft material

“The use of Geistlich Bio-Gide® and Geistlich Bio-Oss® mixed with autologous bone can lead to a successful outcome in single stage implant placement with simultaneous contour augmentation.”

“The low substitution bone graft combined with a rapidly vascularizing membrane, helped to achieve the biological integration of the biomaterial.”
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Possible complications which may occur with any surgery include swelling at the surgical site, flap sloughing, bleeding, local inflammation, bone loss, infection or pain. As Geistlich Bio-Oss Collagen® contains collagen, in very rare circumstances cases of allergic reactions may occur.

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