

Invisible Dentistry With Implants: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach

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Experienced dentists understand that cosmetic dentistry is an art. It requires a combination of dental skills with technological advances and an artist's eye to give patients something they can smile about. We specialize in invisible dentistry.

For one particular patient, in a situation common to all dental offices, invisible dentistry could only be accomplished with implants. Treatment requires the teamwork of an oral surgeon, cosmetic dentist, and an outstanding dental laboratory.

This 36-year-old gentleman was referred by an oral surgeon, Dr. Miles Poor. He first saw the patient for an evaluation of a traumatically induced dentosubular fracture of the anterior maxilla following a work-related accident. He was seen initially and underwent debridement of the abrasion with removal of the left maxillary canine, which had been split longitudinally.

Following reduction and treatment with arch bars and 26-gauge wire to stabilize the dentosubular and the lateral incisor, he went on to heal uneventfully. He ultimately underwent removal of the arch bars at the six weeks post-reduction, and it was noted at the time to have gross mobility to the lateral incisor, and as a result, the lateral incisor was also removed.

This now presented a particularly difficult restorative problem. Not only did he originally have diastemas between his six anterior teeth, he also had a deep bite. Standard prosthetic restoration of the space was going to be compromised by the occlusion, and also because of bridge-work. He was a natural man who liked his spaces, and he had no desire to close them through the combination of veneers and bridge-work. Functionally, occlusally, and, most important, in the patient's eye, implants were the only option.



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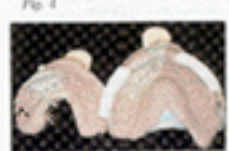


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