

Re: Are Implants my only Option?

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Indeed! However, this lateral was larger than most.

I didn't like the idea of also prepping the cuspid. I didn't like the idea of extracting the lateral and making a four unit bridge.

The patient wasn't too wild about having a bone graft before an implant.

If it looks this good after 15 years, I think it's likely to go another 10 or so.

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Fawks

> *Steven Fawks wrote:*

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>> *New patient exam 15 years ago where a guy had a mesio-lingual bony*

>> *defect on his upper right central. He had been treated surgically by*

>> *a periodontist 3 times without improvement (deep class II bite and*

>> *clenching might have been a factor <G>).*

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>> *One extraction and a bridge between the lateral and the other central,*

>> *and all is well to this day.*

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>> *Fawks*

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> *See--and the textbooks don't like using laterals as terminal abutments.*

> *Good to know not all laterals read the textbooks!*

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> *Steve*

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>>> *Saw a patient yesterday morning. She had lost her upper left
>>> central incisor. A periodontist had placed an implant 3 times in the
>>> site, and the fixture failed to integrate 3 times. He was trying to
>>> convince her to try again.*

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>>> *Steve*

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