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Esthetic management of a patient with congenitally missing maxillary lateral incisor and polydiastemas Background: Treatment options for the replacement of congenitally absent lateral incisors are included: a single-tooth implant, a tooth-supported restoration, or canine substitution. However the addition of the polydiastemas to missing maxillary lateral incisor makes the treatment options more challenging. Although selecting the appropriate treatment option depends on many factors (such as the malocclusion, the anterior relationship, specific space requirements, and the condition of the adjacent teeth), patient preference is the most important one. In this study, the prosthetic rehabilitation of a patient with congenitally missing maxillary lateral incisor and polydiastemas was presented. Methods and materials: A 21 year-old female patient was referred to Hacettepe University, Department of Prosthodontics with anterior esthetic complaints. First of all, the orthodontic treatment combining with a dental implant placement was suggested to patient, however this option was refused due to its prolonged treatment time. After the second treatment option (tooth-supported restoration) was approved by the patient, diagnostic wax-up and mock-up was fabricated prior to operation. The treatment was finished with teeth supported zirconia based fixed partial dentures. Results: Anterior esthetic appearance was restored satisfactorily and no technical and biological complication was occurred during the 9 months. Conclusion: Some patients with polydiastemas and congenitally absent tooth may not prefer orthodontic treatment due to prolonged treatment period. In such cases, only prosthetic options can be used to achieve satisfactory esthetic and functional outcome.

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