

Clinical Guidelines:

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Fixed and Removable Implant Prosthesis

Fixed Edentulous Prosthesis

Fixed implant superstructures in Zirconia(*Fig 1*) or Acrylic(*Fig 2*) are a great option for a patient who does not want to personally remove their appliance. The only disadvantage to this appliance is if ridge lapping is required do to esthetics, this could create a problem in patient cleansability. It is very important for the patient to clean the appliance and implants for patient comfort and lastability.



Fig 1

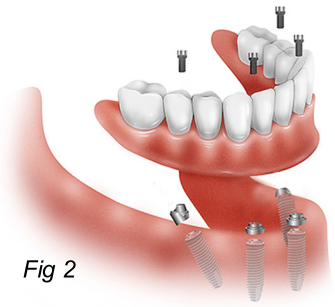
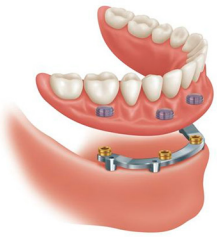


Fig 2



Removable Edentulous Prosthesis

If a Fixed edentulous prosthesis is NOT appropriate for your patient, then using a Removable implant supported retained prosthesis may be your choice.
Examples: Locator attachments, ERA attachments or “O” rings.

The Advantages:

- Esthetics can be ideal because you can make the acrylic base any contour you need.
- Oral hygiene is easier to maintain.
- Implants can be maintained better.
- If a repair is needed it is less complicated.
- It is easier for the laboratory to fabricate.
- Less laboratory fees.



Before



After



Before



After

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