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ABSTRACT

Restoration of a large anterior ridge defect is often a prosthodontic challenge. Such defects require not just the replacement of the missing teeth, but also closure of the defect so as to achieve proper speech and esthetics. Pre-operative classification of the localised alveolar defect can be greatly used in evaluating the prognosis and technical difficulties. This article presents a case report that describes the process of fabrication of Andrews Bridge (a fixed-removable partial denture) to treat a Siebert's Class III anterior ridge defect using natural teeth as abutments for its fixed component followed by a removable component. Atwo year follow-up of the patient showed a highly satisfactory clinical outcome with good comfort, pleasing esthetics and phonetics.

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