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Andrew's bridge- A fading term in modern era- A Case Report

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Abstract

Loss of tooth imparts a psychological trauma to patients but when it comes to a condition associated with both hard and soft tissue loss in the esthetic zone, then it is imperative to seek an expert opinion. The loss of tooth along with alveolar bone requires replacement of lost teeth as well as the closure of defect in order to achieve esthetics, phonetics, and mastication.

A removable partial denture is a good choice in most cases when several teeth are missing but psychologically patients are worried about the prosthesis regarding its reliability. Fixed prosthesis serves well, barring a few cases like long edentulous arches or defected edentulous space. To overcome these limitations a fixed-removable prosthesis design is used popularly known as Andrew's bridge. It is a good option to treat and rehabilitate patients with acquired and congenital defects associated with both hard and soft tissue loss. This article describes in detail about Andrew's bridge, its method of fabrication, and its uses in the current scenario.

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