

Two prosthodontic case studies, my reflections and review of the methods used and thought processes involved

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Here I present two case studies of patients. The two cases are different in the treatment approach I had to choose due to the different aetiologies of their presentation.

Case one is a well-treated and well-maintained dental patient, however due to many different hands involved over a long period of time the work although of a good standard and functional was no longer aesthetic as it no longer had a harmonious appearance. The patient wanted a beautiful smile.

The second case is of a patient with a malocclusion he was not happy with aesthetically. He had been informed that other than orthognathic surgery no treatment would address his concerns with a reasonable outcome.

The patient lacked a permanent lateral incisor which he wanted to have replaced.

The patient was content with a result that was acceptable and more aesthetic but was ready to compromise on perfection as he was not keen on going through with surgery to achieve a perfect result.

Patient communication and handling of patient expectation in conjunction with the ability to foresee potential complications is key to a successful prosthodontic intervention.

Both cases are presented along with challenges expected and unexpected, my solutions are presented to give us an idea of a way to deal with unexpected complications.

One of the cases relies heavily on a technician, while the other relies heavily on the aligner provider for success. My main role as dentist was to plan and execute the treatment with their support and make sure the patients were well informed and comfortable throughout.

Knowing the limitation of these services allows us to treat more cases successfully and predictably.

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