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A Practitioner's Perspective

Case Study No. 2

IAC restoration of an upper central incisor using the new metal impression post - Geoff Pullen



A U-shaped incision at second stage can be useful to avoid scarring in the interdental papillae. But no matter how much I think the crestal part is palatal enough, it usually isn't. Watch.



As I use the sulcus reamer, the gingival margin gets pushed both buccally, but more critically, apically. The crestal cut needed to be 1mm further to the palatal. It's a detail but 'could have been better.'



The new 3mm impression post comes in two parts. The metal post is pushed hard into the implant and the plastic part snaps over the top.



No need for sutures. Let's see what the crown looks like after 3 weeks.



Here's the IAC on the model. The space is a little wide for the correct size tooth.



Bonded provisional removed. This takes quite a while to clean up so don't bond it with too much material after taking the impression or make sure the colour of the composite makes removal obvious.



The finished result. Not bad. Could be better, could be worse, but the patient's delighted.



And this is the extent of the smile.

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