A New Breakthrough For Temporarily Replacing Missing Teeth
The Essix Temporary Removable Bridge

Patients today can present in your office with a multitude of problems when it comes to their overall oral health. When it comes to aesthetics, the loss of an anterior tooth or teeth is an immediate concern. Sometimes the demands of the patient for an instant solution can uncover other problems that need to be addressed. These may involve such things as periodontal inflammation, the need to extract other teeth, or the repair of decay.

In the past, the solutions were: a) to jump right in and prepare the adjacent teeth for fixed crown and bridgework and then to provide a temporary fixed bridge; b) to provide the patient with a removable flipper appliance to wear that was bulky and uncomfortable, or c) to do nothing at all.

Today we have another option, the Essix Temporary Removable Bridge. The Essix material is formulated from a thin piece of specialty plastic that comes in various thicknesses. The patient’s missing teeth are replaced on the model with denture teeth to the correct shade and mould, or another option is to incorporate the patient’s old crown or bridge into the appliance when possible. The Essix material is vacuform molded to fit snugly over the restorative and natural teeth. Finally, the appliance is trimmed to just cover the natural teeth, stopping just before the tissue.

Case Sample:

The patient presented needing multiple anterior extractions and wanted an aesthetic temporary solution. Upper and lower impressions were taken and sent to the laboratory with a bite registration. The models were poured, mounted and the teeth to be extracted were removed from the model. Denture teeth were set up in the appropriate position for ideal aesthetics and the Essix Temporary Removable Bridge was formed, trimmed, and polished. The appliance was sent to the dental office and inserted after the teeth were extracted.

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The Essix technology provides a simpler, more comfortable way to retain and replace missing anterior teeth. Now you can provide your patients with exceptionally aesthetic temporary removable bridges that are comfortable to wear and easy to maintain.

Innovation – just another way we’re working harder and smarter for your practice!