

# Guided Implant Placement Meets Ridge Preservation: A New Era in Anterior Maxillary Restoration



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## Introduction

Implant placement in the anterior maxilla is challenging due to high aesthetic demands and significant risk of alveolar ridge resorption. Alveolar ridge preservation techniques aid in ridge volume and contour, surpassing the outcomes of unassisted socket healing, which is crucial for successful implant treatment.<sup>3</sup> Guided implant placement employs surgical templates to ensure the precise positioning of implants, facilitating optimal alignment, functional harmony and integration with the surrounding bone.6

**CBCT** showing implant site #11 and software

Final position with torque >35 Ncm

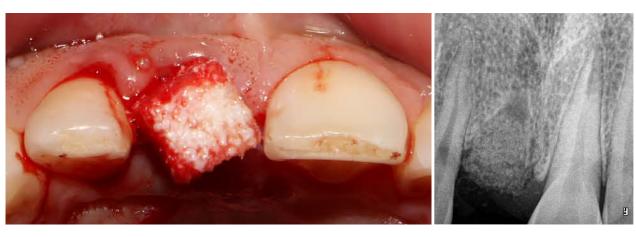
followed by placement of gingival former



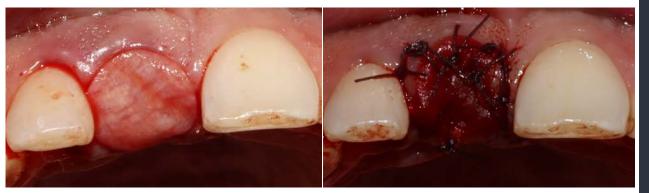
Initial presentation with fractured #11



Minimally traumatic extraction performed with periotome followed by meticulous debridement of extraction socket



Alveolar ridge preservation with xenograft (Geistlich Bio-Oss Collagen®)



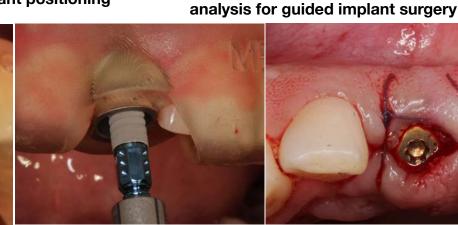
Soft tissue substitute (Mucograft®) placed over the site and closure done with 5-0 PGA sutures



Healing after 4 months

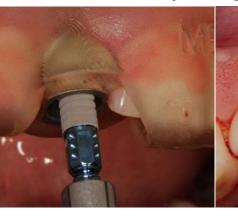


Surgical guide for precise implant positioning



**Drilling through the template to the** predetermined depth and angulation

Final prosthetic restoration with Monolithic Zirconia and IOPA with final prosthesis



Insertion of Straumann® BLT 3.3\*10 mm implant through





**Materials and methods** 

After a comprehensive evaluation, a two-phase surgical approach was implemented. The first phase involved the extraction of tooth #11, followed by alveolar ridge preservation using a bone substitute with collagen (Geistlich Bio-Oss Collagen®) to facilitate bone regeneration and maintain the dimension of the ridge and a soft tissue substitute (Geistlich Mucograft®) to protect the graft and support soft tissue healing.

Four months later, a second-stage guided implant surgery was performed to accurately determine the ideal implant position. A fully guided technique with a drilling guide was used for the implant osteotomy, and a Straumann® BLT 3.3\*10 mm implant was placed using a surgical guide. After three months, successful osseointegration was confirmed, and the final restoration with monolithic zirconia was completed.

#### Results

Results showed good healing and osseointegration and a favourable aesthetic outcome at the 6-month follow-up with adequate implant stability.

#### Conclusion

The integration of alveolar ridge preservation with guided implant placement has been shown to improve implant stability, aesthetic results, and overall success rates, effectively addressing both functional and esthetic concerns in the anterior maxilla.

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