

COMMENTARY

ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT PROCEDURE IN THE CASE OF FRACTURED ABUTMENT OF ADHESIVE BRIDGE: A CLINICAL REPORT

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Fracture of an anterior tooth is a traumatic episode for any patient. They are concerned about not only the esthetics of the case but also the financial obligations associated with the treatment. Numerous treatment options are available to treat an injury like this that include a fixed partial denture, implant restoration, or a new adhesively retained bridge. The authors took a conservative approach to the injury, and I feel it is a good treatment choice. The restoring dentists did not have much to lose in treating the patient in this manner. If the bridge failed, they would easily be able to offer another treatment option without doing any harm to the patient. The endodontic therapy had to be done whether any other treatment occurred.

Adhesive dentistry allows us the opportunity to be conservative in our treatment options. This not only saves the patient from having invasive treatment but also allows the treatment to be done in a manner that is financially feasible.

Conservative treatment is the treatment of choice in these situations, and the follow-up of the case after 30 months shows that it has been successful. I commend the treating dentists for offering the patient this treatment option. They could have offered a more invasive treatment for purely financial gain.

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