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Early prosthodontic treatment of a 4-year girl with ectodermal dysplasia: A case report

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Ectodermal dysplasia is a relatively rare congenital disorder accompanied by total or partial anodontia affecting both the perimany and the permanent dentitions. A patient was a 4-year old girl with ectodermal dysplasia. The intraoral examination revealed hypodontia. Treatment included reconstruction of the conical teeth using composite material in order to improve the aesthetics and to aid retention of the prosthodontic appliances. After reconstruction of the existing teeth, a removable partial denture for the missing teeth were chosen as a treatment option. The patient and her parents were found to be extremely satisfied with the improved chewing ability, speech and esthetics. prosthodontics, ectodermal dysplasia, anodontia with ectodermal dysplasia should be multidisciplinary and commenced as soon as possible to avoid possible resorption and atrophy of the alveolar ridges, to control the vertical dimension of occlusion, to improve chewing ability, speech and aesthetics.



Fig 1. Conical primary central incisors.

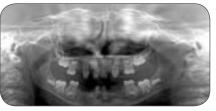


Fig 2. Panoramic radiograph confirming agenesis in the primary and permanent dentition and misshapen teeth.



Fig 3. Removable partial dentures for the upper and the lower jaw, with the expansion screw inserted in the upper denture.

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