**Title:** MANAGEMENT OF MISSING MAXILLARY LATERAL INCISORS  

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**Abstract:** Studies have reported that the incidence of congenitally missing maxillary lateral incisors is 1-2 percent of the population. Missing maxillary lateral incisors present challenging and mechanotherapy problems for orthodontists, periodontists, and restorative dentists. The two common treatment options are orthodontic space opening for future restorations (1-resin bonded bridge, 2-conventional full coverage fixed partial denture, 3-cantilever fixed partial denture, 4-implant) or orthodontic space closure using canines to replace the missing maxillary lateral incisors. The required amount of space opening and the various prosthetic options are discussed. The methods for reshaping canines in orthodontic space closure and building them up to simulate lateral incisors are also described. The indications, advantages, and disadvantages of both treatment modalities are outlined to help clinicians make decisions in borderline situations. Teamwork between the orthodontist, periodontist, and restorative dentist is important when analyzing factors related to individual patients and establishing overall treatment plans. This also will allow treatment modalities and the various options for replacing missing maxillary lateral incisors in space opening to be discussed between team members and the patient.

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