

6. Rehabilitation of subtotal axillectomy – a case report

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Prosthetic rehabilitation of patients who have undergone sub-total maxillectomy has always been a challenging task for the prosthodontist. Such a patient presents with unique combination of multiple problems. It is challenging for the treating prosthodontist to combine and achieve all the characteristics a maxillofacial prosthesis such as light weight, retention, stability and esthetics in a compromised clinical situation as that of sub-total maxillectomy. In the clinical situation described, clinician has used his ingenuity in rehabilitating a 37 year old male who had undergone sub-total maxillectomy due to recurring ameloblastoma. A 2-piece obturator with magnetic attachments (medical grade) was fabricated for the patient. The definitive obturator comprised of an 'antral' section and an 'oral' section. These sections were oriented intraorally by indexing indentations and utilizing magnetic retention. The final prosthesis was considerably retentive, stable and proved to be functionally very useful for the patient.

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