Due to an incidence of 0.8-2% of uni- or bilateral agenesis of the maxillary lateral incisors in the general population, orthodontic space closure (OSC) with canine mesialization and recontouring or space opening and subsequent insertion of an implant-borne crown (IMP), are relatively frequent treatment procedures in modern orthodontics. Although scientific evidence regarding the superiority of one treatment modality over the other is inconclusive, a trend for OSC has been reported. The author will present an update on modern prerequisites for long-term implant and prosthodontic success, focusing on correct 3D-implant placement, on additional hard and soft tissue grafting, and on meticulous peri-implant tissue molding with provisional crowns. Two studies directly comparing OSC and IMP patients from the author’s private office will illustrate the esthetic and periodontal outcomes in the short term and after a functional period of 5-10 years.

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