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## Single-implant restorations and adjacent teeth: There is nothing permanent except change

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Dental implants have been used successfully to restore missing teeth. However, biologic and mechanical complications do exist. Among these complications are loss of integration, implant bone loss, peri-implant soft tissue complications, and fracture of veneering porcelain. Phonetic and esthetic complications have also been reported as well as complications from residual cement. Dental osseointegrated implants present minimum movement within the bone in comparison to natural teeth. The combination of a mesial drifting of the natural teeth with the relative immobility of dental osseointegrated implants might result in loss of interproximal contact between fixed implant prostheses and adjacent teeth. Resultant open contacts create food impaction, which may lead to periodontal defects and recurrent tooth decay. This presentation will provide an alert about the presence of interproximal open contacts between single implant restorations and adjacent teeth.

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