

## Interim Esthetic Needs

The term “interim esthetic needs” usually refers to either traumatic broken anterior tooth or the loss of a tooth or broken restoration.

### Fractured anterior tooth.

1. Generally, as long as there is some enamel remaining on the tooth, a bonded composite is the simplest, and usually the best interim solution.
2. If there isn't enough enamel to retain a composite, or it simply won't work, the next option may be a full coverage preparation and a provisional crown. Without a cast to prepare a matrix in advance, consider the use of a polycarboxylate preformed crown.
3. If the tooth is endodontically treated, make use of the post space with a provisional post- they come in the Para-Post kit sized just like the regular posts.

**Missing anterior tooth.** If the tooth needed to be extracted, keep a few tricks in your back pocket for same-day replacement:

1. Essix Provisional. The smaller cousin of a bleach tray with a denture tooth- maybe two- in the space where the missing tooth should be.
2. Interim Partial Denture. An all-acrylic provisional which can accommodate several teeth.

Dr. Chen's Illustrated Handout:  
Fabrication of an Essix Provisional

Dr. Chen's Illustrated Handout:  
Fabrication of an  
Interim Provisional

The attachments show step by step how to fabricate these two options for interim provisionals.