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Above are preoperative photos of the left side; as you can see, there are no teeth on the lower left posterior (the photo on the right is taken with a mirror, so things are backwards). Although there are obviously problems with the front teeth, until some support is gained in back there's nothing we can do to fix the front.



These photos show two implants placed on the lower left (again, the photo on the right is taken with a mirror). Notice they look pretty much like teeth broken off at the gumline. After the implants heal for a few months, machined posts were screwed into the implants, and a bridge was placed on the posts. Here's a photo of the finished bridge from the above implant case. Note that we've also done a bunch of work on the other teeth, but it is the same person:



Here's a few photos of what implants look like when we're restoring them. The healing cap has been removed on the front implant, and you can see how the machined post will screw down into the implant. In the photo on the right, both implants have had the posts (also called "abutments") screwed into place. These aren't on the same patient as in the preceding pictures, but they are the same style of implant, and all the parts are interchangeable. Wouldn't it be neat if when a tooth broke, we could just unscrew it and put in a new one like this?

