

## **The changing paradigm of treatment of children with missing teeth. A review of why autotransplantation should be a treatment option.**

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This lecture will review the current state of treatment of children with missing teeth. Whether the teeth are congenitally absent or lost to trauma or caries, the dental profession has struggled to find an ideal solution to manage growing patients with one or more missing teeth. The lecture will review the current options for tooth replacement and the advantages and disadvantages of each technique. Special attention will be given to the role of dental autotransplantation in these cases. The team concept of treatment will be presented. Current research projects at UNC School of Dentistry will be used to review provider and patient concerns with the role of autotransplantation in the treatment of growing patients with missing teeth.