

## **Long term data on the success and survival of tooth transplantation**

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In 1778, John Hunter described in his book 'The natural history of human teeth' that preservation was possible after extraction and replantation of a tooth. More than 200 years later, autotransplantation appears to offer a biological and sustainable solution in the case of agenetic and impacted teeth and after dental trauma in developing teeth but also in adulthood.

Due to the body's own material and a vital periodontal ligament, transplanted teeth promote the growth of bone and gingiva.

Autotransplantation should be an indispensable "tool" in the orthodontist's arsenal.