(height) healing abutment (Certain® EP® Healing Abutment, BIOMET 3i, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.) was placed on the #9 implant.

To further augment the buccal ridge dimension, another connective tissue graft was harvested from the palate.

A pouch-like envelope flap was raised over the labial ridge aspect into which the connective tissue was transplanted and fixed using 5-0 chromic gut suture (Fig. 10). The healing abutment remained exposed.

A periapical radiograph revealed sufficient bone height around the

Fig. 6: Connective tissue graft secured in place over the buccal ridge.

Fig. 7: Primary closure of grafted implant site.

Fig. 8: Healing three months post-implant placement. Note the favorable position of the mucosal margin.

Fig. 9: Exposure of the #9 implant using a tissue-punch technique.

Fig. 10a: Soft-tissue graft inserted into the buccal pouch.

Fig. 10b: Placement of the healing abutment on the #9 implant.

Fig. 10c: Buccal view of site with graft in place.

Fig. 10d: View of final restoration

Fig. 11: Periapical radiograph of fixture at time of exposure. Note the favorable bone height.

Fig. 12a–12c: View of final restoration

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