

REPLACING AN AXIAL FEMALE

MALE IN THE POST-COPING

If the prosthesis has been worn for several years it may be necessary to replace an axial female and the spring pin to restore the function of the attachment. This is done **in the patient's mouth**.

1. Identify the attachment as an **M2** or **M3** attachment (see INFO 062 and INFO 070).

REMOVING THE FEMALE

Females retained in acrylic resin: heat up a modelling instrument, place it into the female and remove the female by making lateral movements. Increase the space in the prosthesis to accommodate the new female and perforate the lingual of the prosthesis for the release of excessive acrylic resin.

REPOSITIONING THE FEMALE

1. Use this opportunity to replace the spring pin as well, if necessary (see INFO 063).
2. Place the corresponding space maintainer over the spring pin.
3. Apply a small amount of impression material in the female.
4. Assemble the attachment with the new female.

FEMALE RETAINED IN ACRYLIC RESIN

1. Mix a small amount of self-cure acrylic resin to a doughy consistency (preferably in another colour than the denture base), place it in the cavity for the female, and seat the prosthesis in the patient's mouth.
2. The patient must not load the prosthesis.
3. Remove the excess material after hardening of the acrylic resin and check the retention of the attachment (see INFO 059).