

Radiograph Policy



Dental radiographs (*also known as "X-Rays"*) are necessary for accurate diagnosis of many dental conditions. They provide your dentist with a better image of the mouth, bone, face and jaw, which can help detect decay and other diseases that may not be visible during an oral examination. Because radiographs can help detect dental conditions early, they play an important role in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of dental problems.

The health and safety of our patients is our top priority. Therefore, this office follows the procedures approved by the American Dental Association (ADA) with regard to radiographs, including the ALARA principle, which stands for "As Low As Reasonably Achievable" when obtaining radiographs. We use up to date machinery and digital sensors, which reduce radiation output and limit exposure time.

Because of the crucial role radiographs have in providing our patients with the best dental care, it is the policy of this office that we have on file a current full mouth series no more than five (5) years old. In addition, bitewing radiographs will be taken every year except in limited instances where, in the discretion of Dr. Burnett, the adult patient has shown to not have any history of decay. Patients who are pregnant should notify Dr. Burnett and necessary precautions will be taken in the case that radiographs are necessary. For all children under the age of 18, we require bitewing radiographs twice a year and periapical images as required by Dr. Burnett.

By signing below, you are acknowledging that you have read and understand this policy.

Patient Name *(Please Print)*

Date

Patient or Legal Guardian Signature

Date