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DID YOU KNOW?

The average Canadian receives more X-Ray radiation from watching their television for a period of one year than compared to regular dental X-Rays.



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ARE ALL X-RAYS THE SAME?

Actually there are several types of X-Rays that may be ordered by the dentist. The most common are what are referred to as "intraoral" a small film packet is placed inside your mouth. You may be asked to bite on a small cardboard tab that holds a cavity-detecting X-Ray film packet in place; or you may be asked to bite down on a small plastic device that helps align the film with the X-Ray machine. Other types of X-Rays (called "extraoral") are taken by placing a larger film cassette near your face. You may be either seated or standing while the film is being taken.

WHAT ABOUT RADIATION SAFETY?

That is a commonly asked question regarding X-Rays. Radiation, in the amounts used to expose dental X-Rays, is very small. In fact, the average Canadian actually receives more radiation from sitting in front of the family television for a period of one year than from routine X-Rays taken at the dentist's office!

ARE X-RAYS NECESSARY AT EVERY CHECK-UP?

Depending upon the findings of your clinical examination, your dentist will determine when X-Rays are necessary for you.



WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WHEN MY X-RAYS ARE READ?

One of the obvious things we look for, of course is decay. Often, dental decay is not apparent upon visual examination - this is because the decay process often starts in-between the teeth.

In addition to decay, there are many other things the dentist looks for on your X-Rays:

- Receding bone level (a sign of periodontal disease)
- Supernumerary (extra) teeth
- Missing, impacted or unerupted teeth
- Bone cancer or bony cysts
- Early signs of osteoporosis
- Root fragments
- Root configuration
- Sinus Infection
- Abscesses of the teeth or gums
- Tooth position
- Foreign objects that may be embedded in the oral tissue
- Hairline fractures of the teeth or supporting tissues
- Tartar (hardened plaque) below the gumline
- Filling overhangs or short or open filling margins
- TMJ (jaw joint) irregularities

WHAT IF I AM PREGNANT?

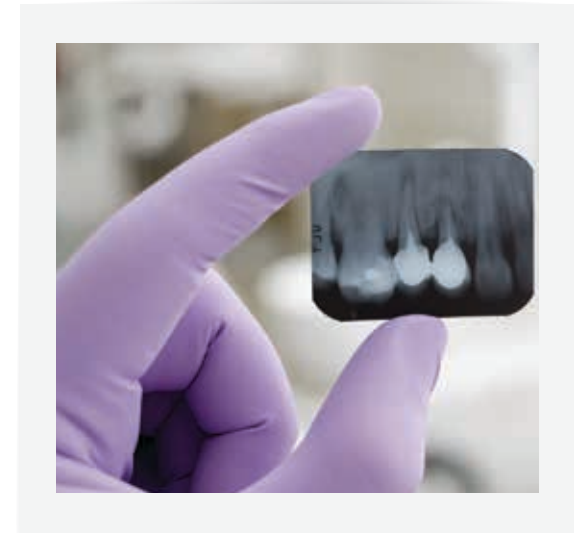
If you are in the first trimester of pregnancy, or think you are pregnant, please inform us. We generally avoid taking X-Rays during this period of time. If you have a very specific case needing an X-Ray, we will take every precaution to protect your unborn child from radiation.

WHAT PRECAUTIONS ARE TAKEN?

We protect patients of all ages with a lead apron. This apron is draped over your shoulders and protects you from your neck to mid-thighs. Because the reproductive organs are also sensitive to X-Ray radiation, we are very careful to protect these areas when taking dental films.

Today's film manufacturers make ultra-high speed films which require as little as 1/10th of a second of actual exposure.

They also permit the lowest level of radiation possible to produce clinically acceptable diagnostic X-Rays.



WHY DO DENTAL PERSONNEL LEAVE THE ROOM WHEN MY X-RAYS ARE TAKEN?

This is because dental personnel take many films over the course of a year. As a result, they must take precautions against what is called "cumulative X-Radiation". The safest way to ensure this is for them to stand at least six feet from the X-Ray unit for a brief fraction of a second when radiation is present.