



SELECT CARE
DENTAL
Redmond

X-Ray and Exam Protocol

Each patient's preventive treatment is determined by individual patient need. Patient need is determined by several different factors, such as: periodontal disease, caries risk, and existing restorations.

Exams:

Dr. Anderson's and Dr. Mark's standard of care requires that each patient has an examination by one of the doctors once a year OR at every other hygiene visit. Although each of our hygienists are very skilled, knowledgeable and highly qualified in dental hygiene they CAN NOT legally diagnose dental treatment.

X-Rays:

Dr. Anderson's and Dr. Mark's standard of care recommends that patients have annual bite wing x-rays (BWV) and/or Periapical (PA) in order to assist the doctor in diagnosing decay that is not visible to the eye. BWV-rays show decay between back teeth (molar and premolar). PA-rays are for the front teeth or a specific tooth. These BWV and PA's also show the hygienist bone levels around your teeth and will help in diagnosing the presence, severity and progression of periodontal disease. Some insurances will downgrade BWV and PA combo to a panoramic, and it may become an out-of-pocket cost.

Every 3-5 years the doctor's standard of care recommends that patients have a 3D full mouth image. This show decay in the roots of teeth, bone levels, third molars (wisdom teeth) and tooth development in children. The doctors use these x-rays to diagnose decay, cysts, tumors, abscesses, periodontal disease, failing restorations and anomalies. Some insurances will not cover 3D images and it may become an out-of-pocket cost.

The dentist and dental hygienist evaluate each patient for necessary x-rays. The necessity of which x-rays are taken is determined by each patient's oral health. Not all patients fall into the above recommendations.

"The Standard of Care in Oregon requires that current radiographs are available prior to providing treatment to a patient. If a patient without a medical justification refuses to allow radiographs to be taken, even with the offer to sign a waiver, then providing treatment to that patient would violate the Standard of Care in Oregon." ~Oregon Board of Dentistry

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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