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Patuxent Dental X-Ray Policy

X-Rays provide one of the best diagnostic tools in dentistry. They enable the dentist and hygienist to see inside the tissue of the teeth, gums and bones of the jaw. We assure you that we are conservative in our use of x-rays, but without them, decay and other diseases of the teeth and mouth often cannot be diagnosed until serious damage has been done. We never take unnecessary x-rays!

Patuxent Dental recommends that radiographs be taken at regular intervals to check for signs of decay or disease, such as bone loss or oral cancer, and for diagnostic purposes when indicated. A full mouth series is needed every three to five years, alternating with a panoramic film, as well as 4 bitewing x-rays every 12 months.

If you have been seen by a dentist within the last five years and have had x-rays taken, it is important that we receive copies of these from your previous dentist. If they are of good quality and were taken recently, it may not be necessary to have them taken at your first visit here. Please complete a "Records Release" form and return it to the office. If no x-rays have been taken, or if the ones forwarded to us are not of good quality, we will need to take diagnostic films at your first visit here.

Some dental insurance plans have limits on their coverage of radiographs. If you have dental insurance, please check your policy's coverage. Good quality x-rays taken at your previous dentist may be used by our office. If they are of poor quality, or if we do not receive them from your previous dentist before your first visit here, we will need to take x-rays here. You may be responsible for the fees involved, as insurance may not cover these!

Please call the office if you have any questions regarding our x-ray policy!

Patient Signature

Date

Print Name

Date