



ELEVATE
dental wellness

Radiograph / X-ray Policy

X-rays provide one of the best diagnostic tools in dentistry. There is no other known technique available that provides the information necessary for diagnosis of early caries (decay), periodontal bone support, anatomical formation for oral surgery, multiple pathologic conditions, and more. The use of dental radiography allows us to detect, and then treat or not treat, dental conditions which can save our patients time, money, unnecessary discomfort, their teeth, and maybe some of their good health.

We assure you that we are conservative in our use of x-rays, but without them, decay and other inflammatory diseases of the teeth and mouth cannot be diagnosed until serious damage has been done. We never take unnecessary x-rays. We use only digital radiography, that alone results in up to **90% reduction** in radiation exposure. In fact, the amount of radiation received in the exposure of routine dental x-rays is approximately equivalent to spending a few minutes in a plane, an afternoon on a beach, or a day skiing at 8200 feet.

All new patients of Elevate Dental Wellness are required to have a panoramic, or full-mouth series of x-rays dated within the last 5 years, and bitewing x-rays (cavity checking x-rays) dated within the last year. If you have been seen by a dentist within the last five years and have had x-rays taken, it is important we receive copies of those x-rays **before** your appointment. If they are of good quality and dated within our requirements, it may not be necessary to have them taken at your first appointment.

We have provided you with a records request form, we are happy to request your x-rays from your previous dentist on your behalf; however, you must fill out and return the form to us at least 48-hours prior to your scheduled appointment which will allow us sufficient time to request and obtain your records.

If x-rays sent are of poor quality, or if we do not receive them from your previous dentist before your scheduled appointment, we require that new x-rays be taken. If you have dental insurance, some dental insurance plans have limits on the frequency x-rays can be taken, and you may be responsible for the fees involved.