



Wolter Advanced Dental Care X-Ray Policy

Dental X-Rays are an integral part of diagnosis of dental diseases affecting the teeth and bones. They allow a dentist to see beyond what is visible by the naked eye, such as the inside of the tissue of the teeth, gums, and bones of the jaw. While we are conservative in our use of X-Rays, we can assure you that without these radiographs, we would not be able to properly diagnose decay or other diseases of the mouth until too much damage has been done.

The American Dental Association (ADA) states that “Radiation exposure associated with dental imaging represents a minor contribution to the total exposure from all sources, including natural and man-made,” indicating that X-Rays for the purposes of dental diagnosis are safe. At WADC, we require that radiographs be taken at regular intervals to check for signs of decay or disease, and for diagnostic purposes when indicated. Typically, a full mouth series is needed every 3-5 years, alternating with a panoramic film, as well as 4 bitewing X-Rays and 3 Periapical (PA) X-Rays every 12 months. For those with periodontal disease, X-Rays may be needed more frequently.

If you have had X-Rays taken by another dentist in the last 5 years, it is important to have those films sent directly to our office. If they are of good quality and were taken recently, we may not need to take X-Rays in our office at your first visit. Please complete a Records Release form so that we can procure copies of these X-Rays for review prior to your appointment. If you have not had X-Rays taken, or if they are of poor quality, we will need to take diagnostic films at your first appointment here.

Please review your dental insurance plans, as some plans limit their coverage of radiographs. If new X-Rays are needed because of poor quality X-Rays, you may be responsible for the cost of this service.

Please call the office at 717-496-9093 if you have any questions regarding this policy.

Patient Signature

Date

Print Name