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DENTAL RADIOGRAPHY:

Dental radiographs are commonly called x-rays. These are pictures of the teeth and surrounding bone and soft tissues. They are used to identify problems that cannot be seen with visual examination of the mouth.

They help to identify:

- tooth decay
- cancers
- tumors
- bone loss around the teeth
- tooth impactions
- tooth vitality
- bone and tooth fractures
- implant health

They are used:

- to follow up dental treatments, to identify new decay under existing fillings, crowns or bridges
- to aid in implant placement

Dosage of x-ray radiation received by a patient is small, equivalent to a few days worth of background environmental radiation exposure.

A radiographic examination of the mouth is a critically segment of a comprehensive oral examination. Good dentistry cannot be performed without the help of radiographs.