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What is a digital panoramic x-ray?

A digital panoramic x-ray provides a full view of the upper and lower jaws, teeth, TMJ and sinuses. It clearly shows the position of teeth and other intrabony abnormalities such as cysts, tumors and impactions. The panoramic x-ray will help to enhance diagnosis for optimal dental health.

Panoramic films differ from the others in that they are entirely extra-oral, which means that the film remains outside of the mouth. The patient stands in front of the machine and the x-ray tube swivels behind the head.



Why does my child need a Panorex?

A panorex x-ray allows us to find missing or extra teeth. Teeth that are out of position (ectopic) or headed in the wrong direction. Cysts, tumors and other abnormalities can be ruled out as well. We normally take a panorex for the first time at around age 9. If your child is a candidate for braces, a panorex is important prior to tooth movement. Panorex x-rays are often used to examine for wisdom teeth and allow us to check on the position of the developing wisdom teeth (3rd molars), at around the age of 17.v