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Announcing Digital Radiography

I am proud to announce that Choices In Dentistry has acquired the Kodak Digital Radiography system along with its exclusive computerized Logicon Caries Detector.

When I joined the practice, I noticed that many patients were concerned about the radiation exposure, and hence avoiding x-rays. X-rays, according to me, is the best tool available to the dentist to detect any cavities, gum disease, open margins around the crowns/fillings and infections. Taking that into consideration, I decided to ring in the new year by going digital!

First of all, **what is an x-ray?** In simple words, x-ray is energy in the form of waves, identical to visible light. A unit called a "rem" is used to measure radiation. A rem is a large unit, much like a mile is a large unit of length, so we usually use a milli rem (mrem). [1000 mrem = 1 rem].

A typical dental x-ray image (film based) exposes you to only about 2 or 3 mrem as compared to the annual environmental exposure of 360mrem from background radiation.

Why Digital?

The digital dental X-ray system is more sensitive than dental X-ray film systems, so **your radiation exposure is cut by as much as 80 to 90 percent.** The large, color-enhanced image lets you see what we see, so it's easier for you to understand how I, your dentist, will treat your teeth. Used photo chemicals and film will not be polluting the environment anymore. Your dental checkups will take less time, will provide more accurate diagnosis.

How Digital Dental X-Rays Work?

We place a small sensor in your mouth. The sensor is connected to a computer by a thin wire. Next, an X-ray beam is sent through your teeth and into the sensor, which records the image of your teeth and sends it to the computer. Instead of developing the film in a dark room, the image is electronically sent directly to a computer.



What is Logicon Caries Detector?

Logicon Caries Detector™ is a unique tool that assists dentists in the difficult task of diagnosing radiographs for proximal caries. The software highlights possible abnormalities on patients' digital dental radiographs, signaling the dentist to take a close look at the tooth involved.

I would like you to take advantage of this new service, so come in and get zapped stress free!

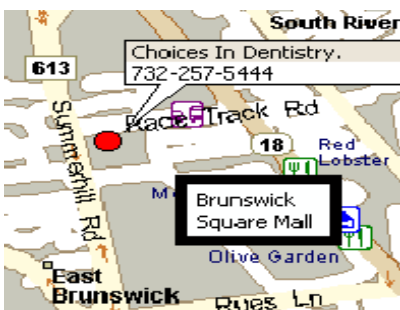
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CID Team : Gina, Mary, Gege

Introducing Dawn

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Dawn, our newest team member. Dawn will be here to assist you in your treatment needs. She is an enthusiastic, warm person and is looking forward to meet and work with you!

Demystifying Sealants : By Mary

Sealants placed on your child's permanent molars soon after eruption can greatly reduce your child's chances of developing decay in those areas. These teeth with their pits and groves are extremely susceptible to decay. Thorough brushing and flossing help remove food particles and plaque from smooth surfaces of teeth. But toothbrush bristles cannot reach all the way into the depressions and grooves to extract food and plaque.

Sealants protect these vulnerable areas by "sealing out" plaque and food. The sealant which is a plastic resin bonds into the depressions and grooves (pits and fissures) of the chewing surfaces of back teeth. It acts as a barrier, protecting enamel from plaque and acids. As long as the sealant remains intact, the tooth surface will be protected from decay. Sealants hold up well under the force of normal chewing and usually last several years before a reapplication is needed. Sealants are easy to apply, and it takes only a few minutes to seal each tooth. The teeth that will be sealed are cleaned. The sealant is then 'painted' onto the tooth enamel, where it bonds directly to the tooth and hardens. A special curing light is used to help the sealant harden. The sealants should also be checked periodically to make sure they are still intact. Sealants are a great way of getting children through the CAVITY PRONE YEARS and into adulthood caries free.

Electronic Claims: By Gina

As your Treatment Coordinator I am committed to making the process of filing claims as streamlined and efficient as possible. With the introduction of the digital x-rays in the practice, I am happy to announce that the claims will be filed electronically along with the x-rays to improve accuracy and expedite payment.

This is how the E-Claims is going to benefit You:

Validation: With electronic claim processing, your claims are validated prior to transmission, reducing the time wasted on resubmissions.

Efficiency: Electronic claims are paid more quickly than claims sent on paper. No more waiting on the mail-Electronic claims are received by each insurance company.

Reimbursement: While paper claims can take 30-45 days or more to process, electronic claims with electronic attachments may be settled in as few as 1-2 weeks.

Fast Predeterminations: When eligibility inquiries are submitted electronically, you will get the response quicker.

Office Hours

- Mon:** 11:00 am - 8:00 pm
- Tue:** 09:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Wed:** CLOSED
- Thu:** 09:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Fri:** 09:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Sat:** 09:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Sun:** CLOSED

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Toothprint: Child Identification Kit : By Gege

One of the greatest fears of parents today is that, their child will get lost or, worse yet, be abducted. Indicative of this concern is the fact, that to date, 34 states have implemented AMBER Alert systems that issue state-wide public alerts about missing children. **Wondering how the dentist can help you?**

We are introducing in our practice, Toothprints, which is a patented, arch-shaped thermoplastic dental impression wafer. When your child bites into the softened Toothprint wafer, it records individual tooth characteristics, tooth position within the arch and the upper to lower jaw relationship plus collects DNA in saliva - all important information for identification.

This impression takes only a few minutes. It's comfortable for young patients and will give parents peace of mind. Hopefully, you will never have to use it! If you are concerned about the safety of your child please do not hesitate to ask us about this new service available at our office.

