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Radiant dentistry from the inside out

FOCUS ON NEW TECHNOLOGY AT OUR OFFICE

You may have been introduced to a new piece of technology on your recent visit to our dental office called the DIGITAL PANORAMIC X-RAY. What is a panoramic x-ray you may ask?

This panoramic x-ray is different from its predecessors in that it is new "digital" technology. Only a few offices in our area are equipped with this new cutting edge technology and we provide it our patients for the following benefits:

- The panoramic x-ray helps us to view both your upper and lower jaws, joints, sinus, nasal areas, and surrounding bone in a single image
- 90% less radiation exposure than its predecessor
- image clarity is enhanced and has the capability to be enlarged to see even the smallest concern
- lessens the need for the traditional full set of x-rays
- is fast and more comfortable
- is a diagnostic aid and especially beneficial for young children to see missing, misaligned and impacted teeth. It also helps to project how growth and development is progressing.
- Helps individuals with a sensitive gag reflex because it moves around on the outside of the head instead of inside the mouth
- is an aid in detecting tumors and growths such as cancer
- detects periodontal bone loss which is important in evaluating for gum disease

Please ask if you have any questions about are new technology.

We're investing in YOUR FUTURE!

TOOTH TALK

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NO CAVITY CLUB WINNERS

January- Larry Grapo
February- Christopher Felo
March- Celia Kusmer
April- Grant Britton
May- Jordyn Musi
June- Chrisopher Antonelli
July- Tara Rassi
August- Mary Kate Healy
September- Andrew Swift

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What type of toothbrush should I be using?

A soft or extra soft toothbrush is best. Studies have shown that soft toothbrushes clean your teeth just as well, and cause less damage to the tooth and gums, than a medium or hard toothbrush. Firm toothbrushes can cause recession of the gums, which if it is moderately severe, can cause the need for gum surgery. Wear areas known as "toothbrush abrasion areas" are the permanent damage to the tooth (at the gum line) from a firm toothbrush and improper brushing technique. These areas are very sensitive to hot and/or cold foods and liquids and more prone to tooth decay. These often need to be restored with a tooth colored bonded restoration.

BEST OPTION: use an ultrasonic toothbrush such as "Sonicare". These types of brushes are very gentle to the tooth and gums especially for those heavy-handed brushers. They also are excellent at removing stains and give your teeth a "just cleaned" feeling after every brushing. They also have built in timers that give you the signal when to advance on to the next quadrant of teeth. Eventually these toothbrushes will take over the market due to their superiority; and manual toothbrushes. I predict, will become historic!