

Declining X-rays Consent Form:

I hereby decline to take the full set of recommended radiographs (xrays).

I acknowledge and accept that a 'comprehensive oral examination' is recommended to have a comprehensive xray study done simultaneously, for the doctor to evaluate.

I acknowledge and accept that any conditions that cannot be seen clinically (with the naked eye) cannot be diagnosed today, because I am declining the recommended set of xrays.

A full set of recommended xrays would normally include one of the following 2 options:

- 1) Full mouth series of Xrays (which includes 14 Peri-apicals and 4 Bite wings)
- 2) Panoramic xray & 4 bitewings

The importance of a full set of xrays is that the Doctor will be able to see the bone underlying my teeth in addition to the sinuses located in my upper jaw. By allowing the doctor to view these anatomical structures, he/she can identify problems in these anatomical areas. Without a full set of xrays the doctor will only be able to view my teeth and screen for cavities on my teeth. Other concerns and considerations will not be evaluated, because it will be impossible for the doctor to evaluate anything that is not visible on the simple bite wing xrays I have authorized this office to take today.

The minimal set of xrays (known as Bite-wings) are useful only for evaluating teeth for cavities (dental decay). Bitewings do not show anything more than dental cavities. Thus, if bitewings are the only xrays you are authorizing us to obtain, then we cannot evaluate other potential problems that may be present.

Some examples of conditions that cannot be diagnosed today include but are not limited to the following:

- 1) bone cancers
 - 2) sinus problems including cysts/tumors
 - 3) dental infections known as abscesses
 - 4) wisdom tooth problems
 - 5) life threatening dental infections and pathology
- for example many patients (especially elderly patients) will suddenly and mysteriously experience general malaise feeling and they report to the hospital with sweats and cold chills feeling malaise. Then the ER doctors draw blood and run tests and they find live bacteria cells in the patients' blood stream which is referred to as bacteremia. The blood is supposed to be sterile in healthy people. Undetected tooth infection can easily lead to bacteremia which quickly leads to sepsis and septic shock. This all results in death. Thus, dental infections are dangerous and should be diagnosed with xrays frequently.

Please ask your dentist NOW if you have any further questions about the significance of recommended xrays.

After being informed about these special considerations today, I voluntarily decline the acquisition of additional xrays.

I agree that this dental office and its affiliates cannot be held responsible for the consequences of this decision. I understand the American Dental Associates guidelines are exactly in line with the recommendations of this dental office thus I am declining the recommendations of the American Dental Association also when I decline the recommended xrays.

Legal Fees:

The dental company is entitled to claim legal fees and lost wages incurred for any situation where legal action against the dental company is initiated and ultimately unsuccessful.