

# Imaging

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## Before Making Your Appointment

### Why are radiographs taken?

Dental radiographs are used to in a variety of ways, from diagnosing intra/extra-oral conditions such as periodontal disease, tooth decay, temporomandibular disorders (TMD) and endodontic anomalies. Radiographs also assist with implant planning, orthodontic planning and positioning of impacted teeth and anatomical features.

### How are extra-oral radiographs taken?

Prior to being placed in the scanner you will be asked to remove any detachable items (e.g. jewellery and hearing/visual aids) from around the head area, as these can show up on the images.

You will then be positioned in the machine and bite down on a block. During the scan we ask that you stay as still as possible to ensure optimal results.

Throughout the scan, the machine will rotate around your head, this enables us to get our 2/3-D images.

Dental radiographs do use ionising radiation. Fun fact, you can get more radiation exposure flying interstate than you do from an OPG.

### Panoramic/OPG - \$150

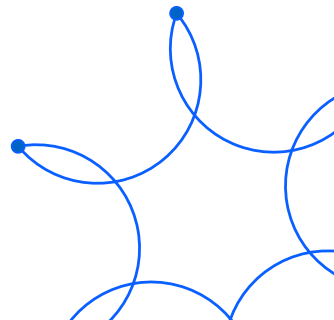
- 2-D image
- The entire process takes approximately 5 minutes.

### Lateral Cephalate/CEPH - \$150

- 2-D image
- The entire process takes approximately 10 minutes.

### Cone Beam/CBCT - \$450

- 3-D image
- The entire process takes approximately 15 minutes.





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### Information required

- Do you suspect you maybe pregnant, or are pregnant
- Current medication and conditions
- Allergies (medication, latex)
- Require assistance (wheelchair)

### Preparation for your scan

- Remove any jewellery and removable piercings
- Remove dentures/removable orthodontic appliances
- Remove detachable hearing aids and eye glasses

### What you need to bring

- Request form/referral letter from your doctor or health care provider
- Health Care Card or Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) card
- Return To Work or Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) claim details if relevant
- Previous medical imaging that may be relevant to your appointment (including films and CDs)

### Confirming appointment

Please confirm to the two-day prior reminder text/call to confirmation your attendance otherwise your appointment may be given to someone else.

### Arriving for your appointment

We recommend you arrive 10 minutes prior to your appointment to ensure your paperwork is processed and confirmed before your examination.

### Radiation safety

Some medical imaging procedures can expose patients to ionising radiation. For more information regarding radiation safety, please follow this link:

[www.arpansa.gov.au/sites/default/files/legacy/pubs/rpop/patienthandout.pdf](http://www.arpansa.gov.au/sites/default/files/legacy/pubs/rpop/patienthandout.pdf)