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We pride ourselves on being a family friendly and affordable dental option, and strive to make your experience with us a personal one. Many companies will make you feel like just a number, so come visit one of our family oriented practices and feel the difference for yourself.



YOUR DENTAL EXAMINATION



We believe that prevention is better than cure. That is why we place great emphasis on providing our patients with regular dental check ups, hoping to promote good oral care and providing them with the knowledge and skills to maintain a healthy smile for life.

Seeing your dentist on a regular six monthly basis is crucial in maintaining good oral health. This not only gives you the opportunity to have a professional scale and clean regularly, it also allows us to catch any dental issues before they become major issues, which can prove far more cost effective for the patient in the long run. This is why at both our surgeries, we offer a “gap free” examination, clean and fluoride treatment for those covered with a private health fund.

So what should you expect at your examination? On arrival you will be greeted by our friendly reception staff. Please be sure to check in with them immediately after arrival to ensure you are seen as soon as possible. You will be then escorted to your treatment room by one of our highly capable dental assistants, who will be present throughout the entire procedure. Once you have been introduced to the dentist who will perform your examination, we are ready to begin.

Nobody knows your mouth as well as you do. So if there are any issues or concerns you may have, please express these to your dentist. We will then investigate these issues, as well as assess the current condition of your teeth and gums. This is usually done by several methods, which in some cases may involve the dentist requesting xrays be taken of your teeth and gums. This is the only accurate way for the dentist to determine if there are any underlying problems between the teeth, or with any current restorations. There are two types of x-rays that are regularly recommended by our team, and it may be suggested that you require neither or both of these types depending on the case. The two types are:

INTRA ORAL FILM: Taken in the surgery with small plates placed by the dentist. This is a digital system and the dentist is able to access the results immediately. This is the type most widely used for your examination, as it allows the dentist instant access to the areas of the dentition that are not visible to the naked eye. In most cases two films will be taken- one to monitor each side of the mouth. It is recommended that each patient have these “bitewing” films taken every two years.

OPG FILM: This is a full mouth x-ray that allows us to see all the teeth and bone levels at once. You will be given a referral to see an imaging company close by, as this is more cost effective for the patient (it can be directly bulk billed through Medicare, incurring no out of pocket expense).



Using the data found using both what has been found during the oral assessment and the diagnosis of the x-ray films, the dentist will then construct a detailed and accurate treatment plan for you. This will outline all (if any) work required, and the time and cost involved. We will then proceed to scale and clean if necessary to remove any tartar build up. A professionally applied fluoride application will then be administered to reduce any sensitivity and assist in the prevention of further tooth decay.

We have a highly capable team available for your examination and clean, including an oral hygienist, who are available for evening and Saturday appointments, as well as through regular business hours.

For more information on dental examinations please visit

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or call either of our practices to make an appointment.