



It's hard for some to believe that in 2017 there are still some dental offices using X-ray film. They have well-reasoned explanations for clinging to this rapidly outdated technology ... but we aren't here to techno-shame them! We just want them to know that there are many happy converts to digital technology, and we aren't aware of anyone who has switched back.

"I can honestly say that digital radiography has been one of the most transformative purchases we have made in the 25 years I have been in practice. For starters, patients love the fact that they're being exposed to at least 80 percent less radiation than traditional film. They see the image immediately, enlarged on a computer screen. This means less chair time. The image is great because it can be

“The staff loves digital X-rays because there are no more caustic chemicals to change and dispose of. It has been a win-win situation for our patients and for the entire dental team. I know the cost has kept some colleagues from taking the plunge into digital technology, but it honestly pays for itself.”

"I've had digital X-rays for more than 10 years, and I love how fast and clear the images appear. I got a digital Panorex a few months ago and, wow! There's a huge difference in the quality and clarity of the images versus my old Panorex that used film. I used to be a little embarrassed when sending my Panorex to the oral surgeon and, in fact, some of them ended up taking their own because mine weren't clear enough. Now, however, I feel confident that the digital Panorex images that I send are of good quality, and I no longer worry about my patients having to have another Panorex taken while visiting the oral surgeon."

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"I bought this dental office from a retiring dentist who was using ScanX with this program called Patient Gallery. Patient Gallery was not bridged with Dentrix and it was painful in the first two months of practice trying to load patient's chart and their X-ray separately. The use of Patient Gallery was also painful with antiquated method of image manipulation.

“With Dexis, the flow of patient care changed—no longer are DAs leaving patients behind to load X-rays into ScanX. They can do retakes on the fly also. I’m able to spotlight/highlight the location of caries that patient can easily identify and understand the reason behind why we do what we do. It’s no longer a mystery!”

"I purchased a Dexis sensor, and it has made a great impact on my practice by enhancing my treatment plan presentations. I was accustomed to reviewing radiographs with patients in dental school, so when I bought a film-based practice I had a hard time expressing the urgency of certain dental conditions with a small and hard-to-visualize image. By switching to digital radiographs, I'm now able to show patients areas of concern, such as incipient decay, periapical radiolucencies, bone loss and open margins on crowns—all of which would be hard to express to the patient without an image to validate my concerns. My Dexis sensor has helped me communicate my treatment plans more effectively so that my patients understand the conditions affecting their teeth."

Dr. Larissa Hanson, Port Orange Dentistry,
Port Orange, Florida
"beachtooth"

"I am very selective about which technology purchases I make for my practice. I have to see discernible benefits to me, my patients and my staff. A recent patient told me, 'I can't believe how fast and much more comfortable these new X-rays are.' And with the ability to enlarge and clarify digital X-rays, I am now able to clearly show patients where decay is present, which is something that was very difficult to do with film X-rays. Now I am able to catch decay when it is smaller and reduce out-of-pocket cost for patients."

Dr. Ryder Waldron, Sunset, Utah
"DentalRealist"

"I was a late convert to the world of digital X-rays: I had done what seemed to be years of research and comparisons of different systems, and finally decided to go with Schick. The clarity of the images is amazing, and because of this, production drastically increased. Because of the "wow!" factor, the increased ability to diagnose, the ease of integration and the customer support, it pays for itself."

Dr. Jamie M. Ferguson, Del Mar, California
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