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## **Your Mouth Up Close And Personal**

Patients rarely have a chance to clearly observe all areas of their mouths. It's difficult to see past the front of your teeth into the darker side and back areas. Often the cheeks or tongue block visibility.

But intraoral cameras have changed all of that. Now you can sit comfortably back in the chair while the dentist or hygienist inserts a sterilized small probe-shaped camera that is moved around the inside of your mouth. Covered with a disposable plastic sheath for contamination prevention, the wand simply takes a video of the inside of your mouth and transmits the images via cable to a computing unit. The computing unit enlarges the full-color images and sends them to a TV screen. Everyone is able to view together every last detail of your oral health.

This painless, no radiation technique allows us to see and document dental conditions such as worn-out, defective fillings, fractured teeth, decay, bleeding gums, oral lesions and plaque. The intraoral camera is a great diagnostic tool that provides an accurate view of the current state of your mouth and potential problems.

Second, the eye of the camera can show, in a moment, how well you're doing with your oral care home hygiene regimen. This helps you and your dentist realistically assess needed steps to improve your techniques and monitor your progress.

We can also freeze and store the video of the inside of your mouth for a bigger and better look and then make an instant photograph for you and your records or for the insurance company for verification of treatment.

As new technologies become available to us, we strive to keep up-to-date with the latest advances in order to provide our patients with the most modern, highest quality dental care possible.