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Optimizing Digital Radiography – Solving Challenges

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PROGRAM

V1119 Optimizing Digital Radiography - Solving Challenges

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GOALS & OBJECTIVES

At the completion of this video presentation, viewers should be able to:

1. List the challenges currently present in digital radiography.
2. Discuss the frequency of use of digital radiography in typical practices.
3. Compare the ROI of digital radiography with other dental procedures.
4. Discuss radiation protection procedures.
5. Compare the characteristics of current CMOS sensors.
6. Describe how to optimize the life expectancy of CMOS sensors.
7. Discuss sensor holders.
8. Compare control panel choices.
9. Discuss proper radiation exposure for specific types of patients.
10. List methods to improve quality of digital images.
11. Discuss the value of panoramic radiographs.
12. List reasons for errors in panoramic radiographs.
13. Discuss potential needs for maxillary sinus radiographs.
14. Discuss potential needs for TMJ radiographs.
15. Explain the need for extraoral bitewings.
16. List the major areas in dentistry needing cone beam.
17. Describe the clinical placement of sensors for all locations in the mouth.
18. Compare the image quality of analog radiographs and digital radiographs.
19. Discuss differences in radiation need for radiographs of children, large adults, and small adults.
20. List the advantages of digital radiographs over analog radiographs.

OVERVIEW

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Digital radiography has now been in dentistry over two decades, and some improvements have been made since that time. The radiographs made with this technology have some advantages over analog radiology, but also some serious limitations. The following subjects are included in this presentation:

- Challenges currently present in digital radiography
- Frequency of use of digital radiography in typical practices
- ROI of digital radiography with other dental procedures
- Radiation protection procedures
- Characteristics of current CMOS sensors
- How to optimize the life expectancy of CMOS sensors
- Sensor holders
- Control panel choices
- Proper radiation exposure for specific types of patients
- Methods to improve quality of digital images
- Value of panoramic radiographs
- Reasons for errors in panoramic radiographs
- Potential needs for maxillary sinus radiographs
- Potential needs for TMJ radiographs
- Explain the need for extraoral bitewings
- Major areas in dentistry needing cone beam
- Clinical placement of sensors for all locations in the mouth
- Image quality of analog radiographs and digital radiographs
- Differences in radiation need for radiographs of children, large adults, and small adults
- Advantages of digital radiographs over analog radiographs

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

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POST-TEST

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1. Which of the following is NOT a challenge with digital radiography?
 - a. Thick sensors
 - b. Rigid sensors
 - c. Storage of data
 - d. Relatively short life expectancy of sensors

2. A typical general practice dental office makes at least ____ images per day.
 - a. 20 to 40
 - b. 30 to 100
 - c. 60 to 100
 - d. 100 to 1,000

3. Return on investment of digital radiographs after buying the machine is:
 - a. about the same as other dental procedures.
 - b. lower than other procedures.
 - c. not constant nor predictable.
 - d. among the highest of all procedures.

4. Lead aprons for radiation protection are:
 - a. known to be necessary.
 - b. now claimed to be elective by the ADA.
 - c. necessary only for children.
 - d. to be discontinued.

5. Images made from CMOS sensors:
 - a. are more accurate than analog film.
 - b. are less accurate than film.
 - c. are easier to make than analog.
 - d. require longer time to make.

6. Proper radiation exposure is:
 - a. the same for all body sizes.
 - b. more for children.
 - c. more for females.
 - d. variable from patient to patient.

7. Panoramic radiographs:
 - a. can't be made on a cone beam.
 - b. require more radiation than a full-mouth series.
 - c. are potentially your most educative concept.
 - d. are difficult to make.

POST-TEST (CONT'D)

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- 8. Extraoral radiographs:
 - a. can be made only on a cone beam device.
 - b. show all of the teeth similar to a panoramic radiograph.
 - c. are acceptable for screening and determining presence of moderate caries.
 - d. require more radiation than an analog panoramic.

- 9. Cone beam images:
 - a. are not necessary in most general practices.
 - b. show about the same information as analog panoramic images.
 - c. are ranked to be the most necessary current technology.
 - d. are about \$25,000 to purchase.

- 10. Some of the main advantages of digital images include:
 - a. easy storage and retrieval.
 - b. low radiation.
 - c. requires no solutions.
 - d. all of the above.

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