



DRS. WARD & VAUDRY

Generations of Healthy Smiles

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How often do I need x-rays of my teeth?

Routine bite wing x-rays are taken annually to detect cavities between back teeth. A full series of x-rays (of your front and back teeth) are generally taken every five years. Individual diagnostic x-rays are taken as recommended by the dentist.

2. What can I do to whiten my teeth?

We offer custom whitening trays (at-home treatment) or professional strength white strips through our office. Ask your dentist or hygienist about the options at your next dental visit.

3. Why do I need an oral examination?

The oral examination by the dentist evaluates your periodontal health (screening for gum disease), diagnoses cavities, and screens your mouth for possible signs of oral cancer. It is also a time for your dentist to discuss treatment options for you to maintain and protect your teeth.

4. Do you do dental implants?

Our dentists restore implants after they have been surgically placed by an oral surgeon or periodontist.

5. How old should my son or daughter be before I take them to the dentist?

We generally see children for their first dental visit between the ages of 3 and 3 and half years old. Their first visit will consist of a cleaning and examination.

6. What can I expect at my first dental appointment ?

If you have had a regular dental cleaning and examination within the last year, you will be scheduled for a cleaning, x-rays (if needed), and examination by a dentist. Please forward or bring with you your recent dental records. If you are having a current dental problem or have not had regular dental visits in the past few years, you will be scheduled for a consultation with Drs. Ward or Vaudry. Your first appointment will take approximately one hour.

Have a question that's not addressed here? Let us know... we'd love to hear from you!