

## Re: Are digital x-rays better than film?

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"Bill" <dentaldoc@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
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> James E. wrote:

>> I would like to change dentists (a matter of location). I am considering

>> two

>> new dentists, one uses the old-fashioned film-rays, the other one uses

>> the

>> new digital x-rays.

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>> I am impressed with the clarity and detail of the digitals. You can even

>> magnify particular areas of interest. The images are much larger than the

>> tiny film x-rays. They are also instantaneous and subject patients to

>> less

>> radiation.

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>> Why is not every dentist using the new, digital x-rays? Is this a matter

>> of

>> cost? Are film x-rays obsolete? I wonder about the percentage of dentists

>> that use the digitals. Does anyone know?

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>> James

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> Both methods of radiological examination will give a competent dentist

> similar useful diagnostic information.

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> It would be more productive to choose a dentist based upon factors of

> proven skill and reputation in the community. Your dental health will

> be much more dependent on the skill of the dentist who delivers your

> healthcare than upon the brand or subtype of equipment used.

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I agree with the last paragraph fully. However, the dentist can certainly see more on an image which is two foot wide compared to one that is one inch wide.

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