

GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA

Ministry of Health, Seniors and Environment

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License Conditions

PANORAMIC X-Ray Equipment

Following the International and/or Canadian "Radiation Protection in Dentistry Recommended Safety Procedures for Dental E-Ray Equipment (Safety Code 30), the Licensee will comply with the following conditions:

- 1. The operator *shall* keep a distance of at least three meters from the x-ray tube during radiography.
- 2. X-ray tube voltage, irradiation time and termination of exposure.
 - (a) Panoramic radiography shall be done with an X-ray tube voltage and/or current recommended by the unit's manufacturer.
 - (b) The presentable irradiation time is fixed by the time required to complete one full excursion of the assembly.
 - (c) Exposure shall terminate when hand switch is released.
- 3. Leakage radiation shall be less than 100 mR in one hour at one meter from the tube.
- 4. Radiation leakage outside of the shielded room shall not exceed 7.5µSv/hr.
- Manual film processing is not recommended. If used, the darkroom shall be well designed and a timer shall be used. Sight developing shall not be done.
- 6. A position device **shall** be provided to limit a reasonable focal spot to skin distance.
- 7. The radiation beam **shall** be collimated such that the size of the beam does not exceed any dimension of the scanning slit by more than 1/2 of that dimension or by more than 2%, whichever is less.
- 8. The patient shall be provided with a lead-rubber shielding apron.
- 9. Radiation dose to patient and cassette carrier interlocked.
 - a) The radiation dose to the patient shall be within the range acceptable by the film/screen combination used.
 - b) The cassette carrier *shall* be interlocked such that irradiation is not possible, unless a film cassette is in the carrier.
- 10. Brakes, Moving Parts, Tension Cables, Limit Stops.
 - a) Brakes shall lock system in a desirable position.
 - b) All moving parts shall run smoothly.
 - c) Tension cables shall be tight.
 - d) Limit stops shall work correctly.
- 11. Image quality *shall* be of an acceptable standard. The dentition and related structures *shall* be positioned so that they fall within the image layer.
- 12. Operator and personnel doses *shall* fall within the annual recommended dose limits stated in the current international regulations.
- 13. Radiation protection inspection will be done bi-annually to verify that:
 - The dental x-ray equipment functions properly.
 - b) Equipment is installed in a safe environment and is used in a way that provides maximum radiation safety for patients and operators.