

## RADIOGRAPHS (X-RAYS)

- Decay in both baby (deciduous) and second (permanent) teeth should be identified as soon as possible.
- Sometimes decay cannot be seen with the naked eye, especially if it is forming between the teeth.
- X-rays help the dental therapist/oral health therapist to find dental caries (holes/decay).
- X-rays give a detailed picture of the patient's teeth, including the roots and surrounding bone.
- A baseline x-ray is taken and can be compared to follow-up x-rays.
- Sometimes the dental therapist/oral health therapist may refer the patient to the Dental Department at Whanganui Hospital for a more extensive type of x-ray.
- If you have any questions, please discuss these with your dental team.
- You have the right to accept or decline the advice of your dental team.



*For more information, please contact your dental therapist or phone 0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583).*



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