

Your Dental Exam Checklist

Here are some important things your dentist is checking during an exam:

- ☒ Medical history outlining any health conditions that may affect future dental treatment
- ☒ X-rays: details snap shot of the inside of your teeth and overall root health
- ☒ Gum condition: for signs of infection
- ☒ Early signs of oral cancer or other suspicious growths or cysts
- ☒ The overall health and function of your temporomandibular joint
(joint that joins your jaw to the skull)
- ☒ Condition of current restorations: root canals and crowns
- ☒ Position of the teeth: spacing and your bite
- ☒ The presence of damaged, missing or decayed teeth
- ☒ Proper growth and development in children
- ☒ General condition of the bones in the face, jaw and around the mouth

Dentists may explain what they are doing during the examination or provide you with a summary of their findings when they are finished. Patients, as an active part of your oral health team, are encouraged to ask questions.