

The Oral Medicine Exam (OME)

Radiographs:

New Patients: Each patient will already have undergone a panoramic and full mouth series of radiographs.

Recall patients or patients from seniors, you need to use your judgment on which radiographs to take and how often.

Type of Exam		Adolescent	Dentate adult	Edentulous
D0150	New Patient exam	Either Pan + BW or full mouth, then PA's as indicated below.		Panoramic, then as indicated
D0120	Recall Patient- High Caries Risk	BW q 6-12 mo	BW q 6-18 mo	NA
D0120	Recall Patient- Low-Mod Caries Risk	BW q 18-36 mo	BW q 24-36 mo	NA
D0180	Recall Patient with Perio Disease			NA
Any	Implants	Planning	Usually: Girls age 16 Boys age 18	Consider ConeBeam CT for 3D image of bone and scary stuff (nerve, blood vessels, bony defects)
		Follow-up	Usually annual PA radiographs	
Any	Endo- dx, planning, follow-up	Post-endo: 6 mo, 6 mo, then q year.		NA
Any	Perio- Tx follow-up	Usually take perio BW's every year		NA
Any	Caries remineralization therapy	Usually BW's every year		NA

Complete Radiographic Interpretation:

- Complete the **Radiographic Interpretation tab** in axiUm to the best of your ability, then schedule to meet with a designated Radiology or ORehab faculty member to evaluate your work (this process is graded pass/fail). They will be asking questions on evaluating the quality of the radiograph (positioning errors) and normal anatomic structures as well as dental anatomy and pathosis like caries.
- After doing four radiographic interpretations with a passing grade, you will do a Competency case in the spring. If you pass, you will continue to complete the Radiology Tab in axiUm, but it will be reviewed as part of your DXR appt.

OME Exam (Comprehensive Oral Exam D0120 or D0150):

- Chief Concerns:** Concise summary of concerns (complaints) in patient's own words.
- Health History:** Either new patient record or a review of existing records. Use the Medical History Checklist either to go over the patient's history in a phone interview before the appointment if you feel that is appropriate, or use it so you can face the patient rather than have to be at the computer.

Medical History Checklist

- Head and Neck Exam: Include Oral Cancer Screening Exam.

Head and Neck Exam

- Dental Exam:**

- Missing and Impacted Teeth
- Conditions
- Materials
- Decay

Cheat Sheet for Charting

- Caries Risk Assessment:** Based on radiograph and exam, complete CRA form.
- Periodontal Charting:** Note pocket depths and Plaque Indices.

7. **Study Casts:** Make impressions so that you can fabricate a set of study casts.