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ABSTRACT
RISK MANAGEMENT IN DENTAL RADIOLOGY

Dental x-ray services as all radiological services aspire to a high quality of radiological examinations at the lowest possible risk to the patient. Unfortunately, dental radiological services may not always achieve this goal and errors and mishaps occur even in the best run dental practices. It is therefore important that dental professionals address in advance their potential areas of weakness and also try to reduce as far as possible the sources of error. These areas may include dental x-ray technique, quality assurance protocols, interpretation and mis-interpretation of dental radiologic examinations, diagnostic decision making, communication of the radiologic findings to the patient or a referring physician and more. All of the above may pose as potential risks to the patients and clinicians and may require the proactive approach of risk management, which is a structured way of reducing risk to patients and staff to the lowest achievable level. The key to risk management is a willingness to evaluate all actions with transparency and an open mind and to try to correct obvious mistakes and alter working practices when required.

This presentation has taken into account the respective guidelines of various national and international radiology organizations in order to structure the respective risk management assessment in dental radiology. Albeit legal concerns related to risks associated with dental x-rays are much variable throughout the world, it is to our benefit and that of our patients to try to reduce risk as much as possible recognizing that dental care as medical care is often a balance of risk and benefit. If both dental professionals and patients are fully aware of these risks, the resulting expectations will be realistic.