

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION
CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES
Health Care Department Operations Manual

3.3.4.6 Dental Radiography

(a) Policy

All California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) dental staff shall take clinically diagnostic radiographs and shall comply with all applicable safety and regulatory standards when capturing and processing dental radiographic images.

(b) Purpose

To establish procedures and guidelines that assist CDCR dental staff to produce dental radiographs of high diagnostic quality.

(c) Procedure

- (1) The Supervising Dentist and/or Supervising Dentist Assistant at each institution shall be responsible for coordinating preventive maintenance for dental radiographic units as well as digital radiographic image capturing, viewing, and storage equipment by qualified service technicians.
- (2) Digital Radiographs
 - (A) Dental staff shall follow the manufacturer's recommended procedures for operating and maintaining digital radiographic image capturing, viewing, and storage equipment. This includes, but is not limited to, the proper use, handling and maintenance of digital radiographic sensors.
 - (B) Dental staff shall preserve the integrity, diagnostic reliability and privacy of digital radiographs.
 - (C) Dental staff shall ensure the storage of digitally captured radiographs for inclusion in the patient's Medicor Imaging Picture Archive Communication System (MiPACS) record.
- (3) The California Correctional Health Care Services, Information Technology, Solution Center shall be the system used to provide ongoing support for MiPACS users to resolve application related issues, grant or modify MiPACS access, submit image record corrections to the MiPACS Administrator, and make hardware changes. (Reference the MiPACS User Guide for further details).

References

- California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Medicor Imaging Picture Archive Communication System User Guide

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