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What You Should Know About a Recent Study Questioning the Safety of Dental X-rays

April 2012 -- A recent study regarding the relationship between dental X-rays and a perceived increased risk of developing brain tumors has come under sharp criticism from the American Dental Association (ADA), of which Dr. Stone is a member. The ADA's review of the study associating yearly or more frequent dental X-rays to an increased risk of developing a meningioma brain tumor, has led the ADA to conclude that the study results are unreliable being based on memory rather than scientifically recorded observations. They recommend further research in the interests of patient safety.

The ADA continues with its long-standing position that dental X-rays should be ordered only when necessary for diagnosis and treatment. They also recommend shielding the patient and using high-speed film or digital film x-rays to minimize exposure.

In accordance with ADA guidelines and recommendations, Dr. Stone uses lead protective aprons with thyroid collars when taking dental X-rays, and all X-rays are taken digitally avoiding the lengthier exposure to film. Dr. Stone and his staff only use dental X-rays as needed for diagnosis and treatment.

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