

WHAT IS AN OPG AND LAT CEPH?



OPG



Lat Ceph

Orthopantomograms, better known as OPGs, are a special panoramic picture of your jaw. OPGs can be used for a variety of purposes from impacted wisdom teeth, checking development of teeth in children, and as general screening as part of your dental check-up.

Occasionally your dentist or dental specialist will ask for a Lat Ceph examination. Lateral Cephalometry examinations are used for checking how your teeth bite together and are used primarily in orthodontic planning.

The scans are quick, simple, and require no preparation. The OPG rotates once around your head, taking just 10 seconds to complete the scan. For the Lat Ceph examination you remain standing and the OPG machine stays stationary to take a picture. All you are required to do is remain still for the duration of the scan.

The images are viewed and interpreted by our Oral and Maxillofacial Radiologist and Clinical Associate Professor (UWA), Dr Bernard Koong. Results can be collected 2-3 working days after the scan, or alternatively you may take an image back to your referrer unreported. If you choose to take the image with you, a report will be sent to your doctor electronically.

Do not hesitate to contact our office on 6382 3888 if you have any questions or concerns.