



There's a newer dental X-ray technique that Dr. Shah is using. It's called digital imaging. Instead of developing X-ray film in a dark room, the X-rays are sent directly to a computer and can be viewed on screen, stored, or printed out.

The technique uses less radiation than the typical X-ray and there is no wait time for the X-rays to develop -- the images are available on screen a few seconds after being taken.

The image taken can be enhanced and enlarged many times its actual size on the computer screen, making it easier for Dr. Shah to show you where and what the problem is.

If necessary, images can be electronically sent to another dentist or specialist - for instance, for a second opinion on a dental problem - to determine if a specialist is needed, or to a new dentist (if you move).