Activity for Radiographic Need- Radiography in OUR clinic

Based on prior teaching, experience in radiology lab, readings, and “Guidelines for prescribing dental radiographs,” answer the following questions.

1. Besides the type of visit (New or Recall), what are 2 other things to consider BEFORE deciding which radiographs to take?

2. Currently, it is common practice in dental offices for patients to receive radiographs on a routine schedule in spite of symptoms. On a patient of record, when is a FMS usually repeated in the dental office? Why is it set on this schedule?

3. According to the article (will be discussed in class) is a FMS diagnostically equivalent to a panoral & bitewings?

What radiographs would most likely be indicated for the following?

1. NEW ADULT patient

2. EDENTULOUS ADULT

For the following type of radiographs, what patients or situations would be most appropriate?

1. ( 2 ) Horizontal Bitewings

2. Panoral radiograph only

3. Individual periapicals

4. Vertical Bitewings

5. Occlusals