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Why Final Records Are Necessary

As discussed at the beginning of treatment, photos and X-rays of the teeth and jaws are required as follow-up to orthodontic treatment so as:

1. To determine the plan for the final stage of orthodontics which is retention. Dr. Adams determines the length of full time and part time wear of the retainers based upon the amount and type of changes that occurred during orthodontic treatment.
2. To check for tooth decay.
3. To document changes in the bone around the teeth and in the jaws.
4. To check for third molar (wisdom tooth) development and position, and evaluate the need for extraction.
5. To compare them with initial records taken 14 months previously. A computer superimposition is done to visually communicate all changes to the patient and/or parents.
6. To check for changes that may occur during the retention phase of treatment.
7. To forward duplicates to the general dentist for his or her records.

The final X-rays are just as important to your records as the beginning ones. Our receptionist will be happy to call the photo lab and set up an appointment for you.

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