IMAGING METHODS IN DENTISTRY

Radiography

Magnetic Resonance Imaging



Ultrasonography





Summation imaging

- X ray (RTG)

Creating 3D images as 2D photography

Storeyed imaging

- CT, MRI, Ultrasonography (USG)

2D image, third dimension is width of layer

Radiography

Conventional x digital radiography

- . Intraoral
- **II.** Extraoral
- III. Specific
- V. Contrast imaging
- V. CT diagnostic

Conventional Radiography

- Conventional intra-oral radiographic film consists of silver halide grains in a gelatine matrix
- When this film is exposed to X-ray photons the silver halide crystals are sensitized and are reduced to black during the developing process
- The film acts as both the radiation detector and the image display

Digital Radiography

- Using pixels or small light sensitive elements, can be a range of shades of grey depending on the exposure, and are arranged in grids and rows on the sensor
- The sensors are only the radiation detector and the image is displayed on a monitor





Advantages of digital imaging:

- Dose reductions of up to 90%
- The greatest advantage of digital imaging over conventional film is image manipulation
- Contrast enhancement can effectively compensate for over or under exposure of the digital image
- Other advantages: 3D reconstruction, time, storage, environmentally friendly

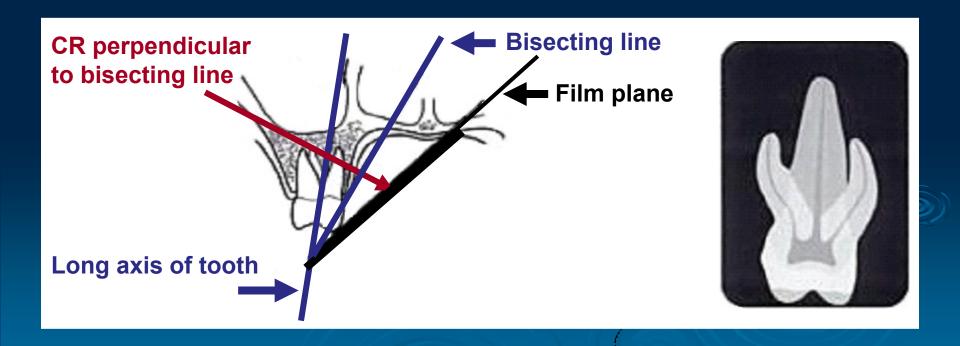
I. INTRAORAL RADIOGRAPHY

Gives graphic information about the alveolar bone, periodontal areas and the hard tissues of the tooth

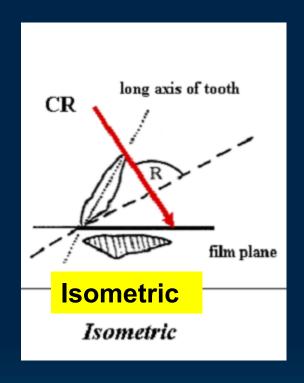
- 1. Bisecting technique
- 2. Paralleling technique
- 3. Bitewing technique
- 4. Occlusal radiograph

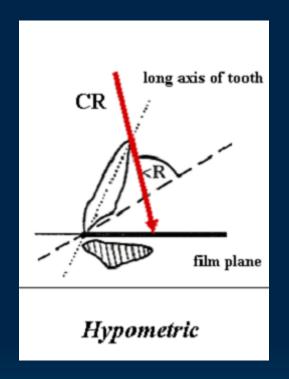
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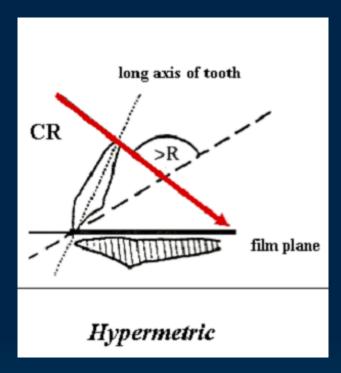
Central ray is directed at an imaginary line that bisects the angle created by the long axis of the tooth and the film



Film will be in right angles to the beam → isometric

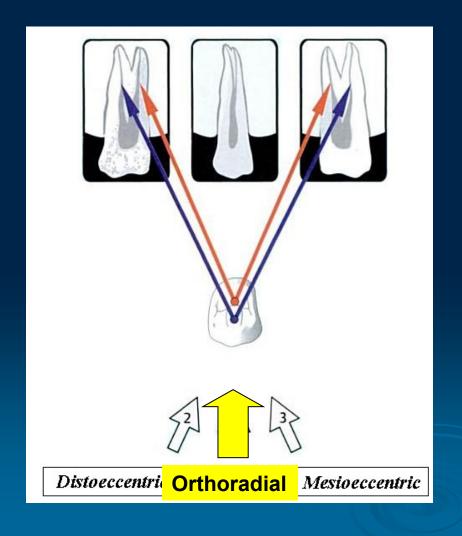






An acute angle → <u>hypometric</u> (teeth shortened)
An obtuse angle → <u>hypermetric</u> (teeth elongated)

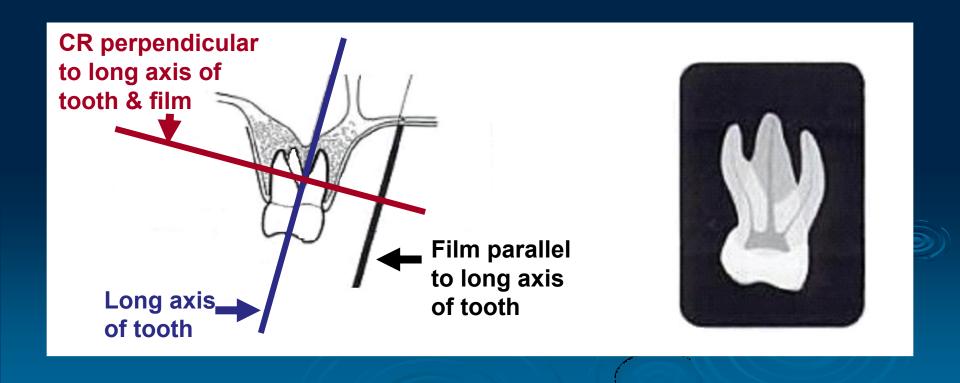
Horizontal angulation - the central ray must be directed through the interproximal space between the teeth under examination → ortoradial picture

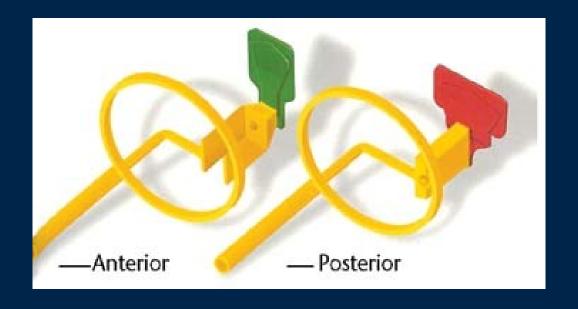


Eccentric projection
(mesio- or disto-) is
useful for information
about shape and lenght
of the root canals

2. Paralleling Technique

Position of the film: the long axis of the film is parallel with the long axis of the teeth

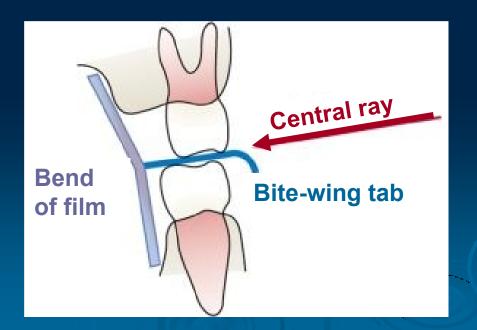




The X-ray film is placed into a X-ray film holder

3. Bite Wing Technique

- Examine the interproximal surfaces of teeth
- The film is placed parallel to the crowns of both teeth and stabilized by film holder or by bite wing tab



- Horizontal × Vertical bite wing
- Vertical bite wing generally more informative than horizontal in detecting moderate to severe periodontal disease and can also be taken in anterior region





4. Occlusal Radiograph

- A highly detailed x-ray taken with the x-ray plate placed between your teeth
- It is useful to look closely at the front teeth (top or bottom) to check for any extra teeth or pathology
- A special type of occlusal radiography technique can help demonstrate stones in the salivary glands in the floor of the mouth





Full-Mouth X-Ray



Reading of x ray picture



Compact bone (lamina dura) thin radiopaque (white) area around tooth

Spongy bone netting structure







Enamel

A radiopaque (white) area on the crown of the teeth

Dentine, Cementum

less radiopaque than enamel, just inferior to it

Pulp chamber

A radiolucent (dark) area

A radiolucent (dark) area surrounded by dentin

Periodontal slit

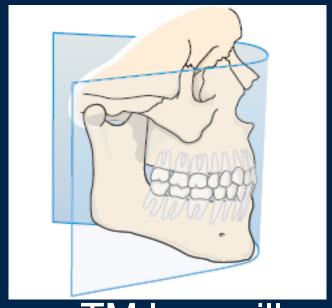
A radiolucent area that surrounds the root(s)

II. EXTRAORAL RADIOGRAPHY

- 1. Orthopantomography
- 2. Cephalometry
- 3. Conventional

1. Orthopantomography (OPG)

Panoramic extraoral technique



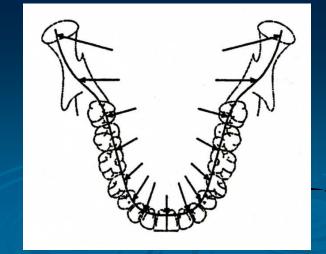
- Used to examine both jaws, TMJ, maxillary sinuses and the teeth on a single image
- Convenient and inexpensive method with low radiation exposure

Extraoral film = indirect exposure type film

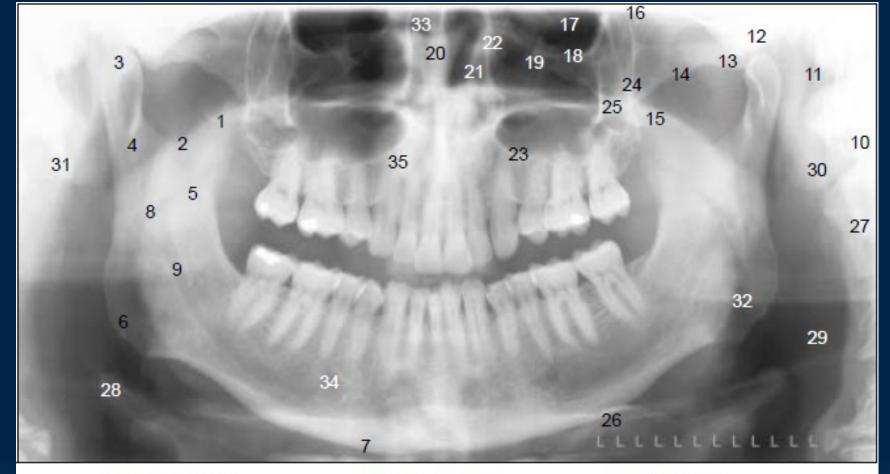
The energy of the x-ray beam is converted into light by intensifying screens (the film is sandwisched between two screens) and this light is used to expose photographic type film

Orthoradial projection – minimizes crown

overlapping



- Patient is positioned with the Franfort plane horizontal, bite peg between the anterior teeth and the chin positioned on the chin support
- The film and the tubehead rotate around the patient and produce a series of individual images in a single film



- 1. Coronoid Process
- 2. Sigmoid Notch
- 3. Mandibular Condyle
- 4. Condylar Neck
- 5. Mandibular Ramus
- Manaibular Ramus
 Angle of Mandible
- 7. Inferior Border of Mandible
- 8. Lingula
- 9. Mandibular Canal
- 10. Mastoid Process
- 11. External Auditory Meatus
- 12. Glenoid Fossa

- 13. Articular Eminence
- 14. Zygomatic Arch
- 15. Pterygoid Plates
- 16. Pterygomaxillary Fissure
- 17. Orbit
- 18. Inferior Orbital Rim
- 19. Infraorbital Canal
- 20. Nasal Septum
- 21. Inferior Turbingte
- 22. Medial Wall of Max. Sinus
- 23. Inferior Border of Max. Sinus
- 24. Posterolateral Wall of Max. Sinus

- 25. Malar Process
- 26. Hyoid Bone
- 27. Cervical Vertebrae 1-4
- 28. Epiglottis
- Soft Tissues of Neck (Look Vertically For Corotid Artery Calcifications Here)
- 30. Auricle
- 31. Styloid Process
- 32. Oropharyngeal Air Space
- 33. Nasal Air Space
- 34. Mental Foramen
- 35. Hard Palate

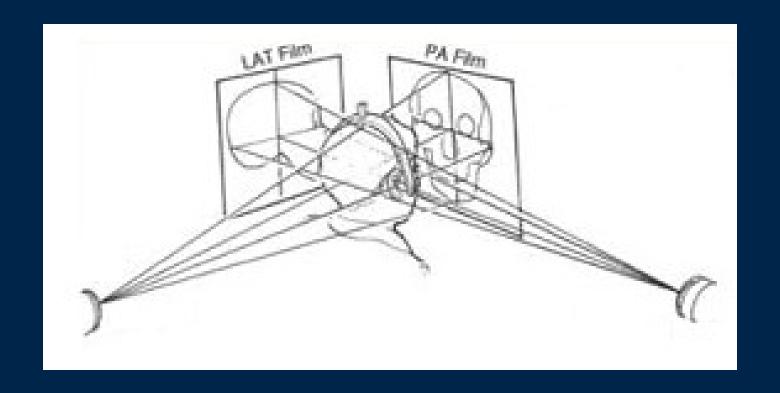


2. Cephalometry

- A standardized and reproducible form of skull radiography used extensively in orthodontics to assess the relationships of the teeth to the jaws and the jaws to the rest of the facial skeleton
- Main indications monitoring treatment progress, preoperative evaluation of skeletal and soft tissue patterns, postoperative appraisal of the results of surgery and long-term follow-up studies

- The pacient is positioned within the cephalostat with the Frankfort plane horizontal, teeth should be in maximum intercuspation
- The head is immobilized within the apparatus with the plastic ear rods being inserted into the external auditory meati
- The x-ray beam is horizontal and centred on the ear rods
- Soft x-rays





Main radiographic projections: lateral PA jaws



3. Conventional Radiography

Skull projection: Lateral

Postero-anterior

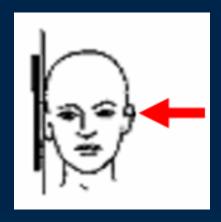
Facial projection: Submento-vertical

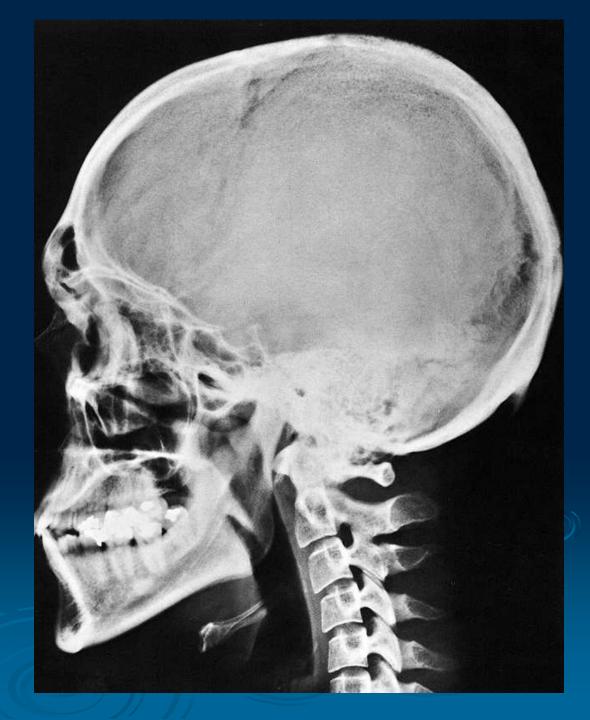
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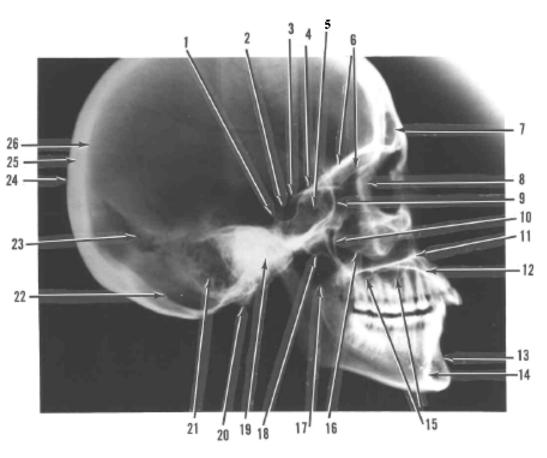
Waters

Clementschitsch

Lateral Projection

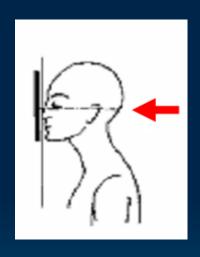




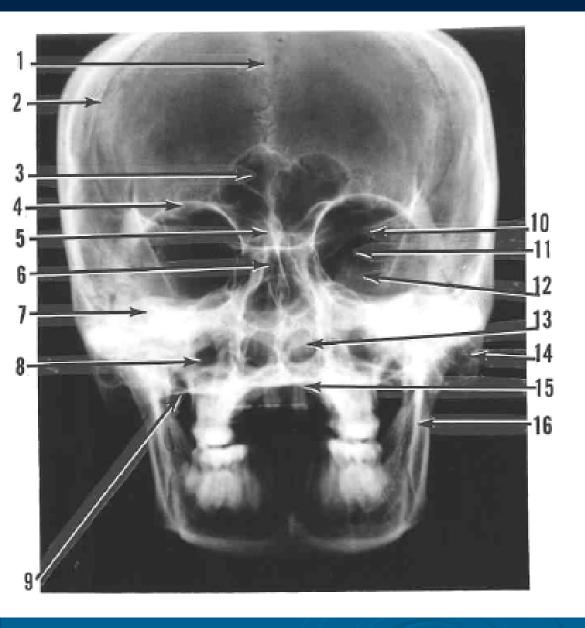


- Posterior clinoid process
- 2. Sella turcica (pituitary fossa)
- Anterior clinoid process
- Floor of anterior cranial fossa in the midline
- Sphenoid sinus
- Orbital plates of frontal bone (Roof of orbit and floor of anterior cranial fossa lateral to midline)
- Frontal sinus
- Lateral border of orbit (formed by frontal process of zygoma, and zygomatic process of frontal bone)
- Greater wing of the sphenoid bone forming the anterior wall of the middle cranial fossa
- Pterygomaxillary fissure
- Hard palate forming floor of nasal fossa
- Roof of palate (midline)
- Buccal cortical plate of anterior portion of mandible
- Lingual cortical plate of anterior portion of mandible
- Floor of maxillary sinus
- Zygoma (arrow points at lower border of zygoma)
- Sigmoid notch (mandibular notch)
- Lateral pterygoid plate
- 19. Petrous portion of temporal bone
- 20. Mastoid process of temporal bone
- 21. Mastoid air cells
- Lambdoid suture
- 24. Outer table of bone
- 25. Diploe
- 26. Inner table of bone

Postero-Anterior Projection

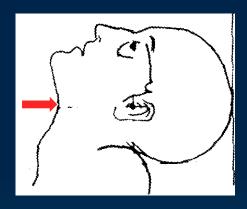




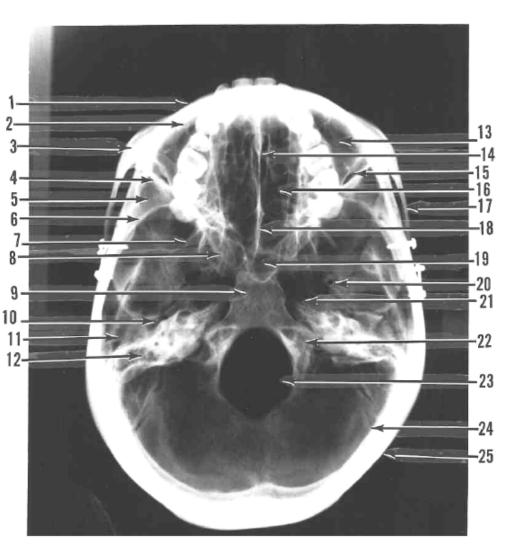


- Sagittal suture
- Coronal suture
- Frontal sinus
- Superior border of orbit
- Crista galli
- Sphenoid sinus
- Petrous portion of temporal bone
- Maxillary sinus
- Floor of posterior cranial fossa
- 10. Lesser wing of sphenoid
- Superior orbital fissure
- Greater wing of sphenoid
- 13. Nasal cavity
- Mastoid process and mastoid air cells
- Floor of nasal fossa (hard palate)
- 16. External oblique ridge

Submento-Vertical Projection

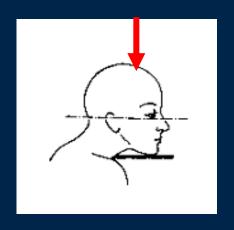






- 1. Outer cortical plate of frontal bone
- Inner cortical plate of frontal bone
- Body of zygoma
- 4. Lateral wall of orbit (greater wing of sphenoid)
- Infratemporal surface of greater wing of sphenoid
- Anterior wall of middle cranial fossa formed by the greater wing of sphenoid
- 7. Lateral pterygoid plate
- Medial pterygoid plate
- Clivus
- 10. Eustachian canal (internal auditory canal)
- 11. External auditory canal
- 12. Petrous portion of temporal bone
- 13. Maxillary sinus (superimposed on orbit)
- 14. Nasal septum (perpendicular plate of ethmoid)
- 15. Inferior orbital fissure
- 16. Ethmoid air cells opening into nasal fossa
- 17. Zygomatic arch
- 18. Posterior border of vomer (part of nasal septum)
- 19. Sphenoid sinus
- 20. Foramen spinosum
- 21. Foramen lacerum
- 22. Occipital condyle
- 23. Foramen magnum
- 24. Inner cortical plate of occipital bone
- 25. Outer cortical plate of occipital bone

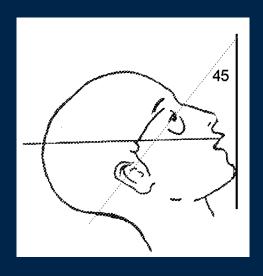
Hirtz' Projection



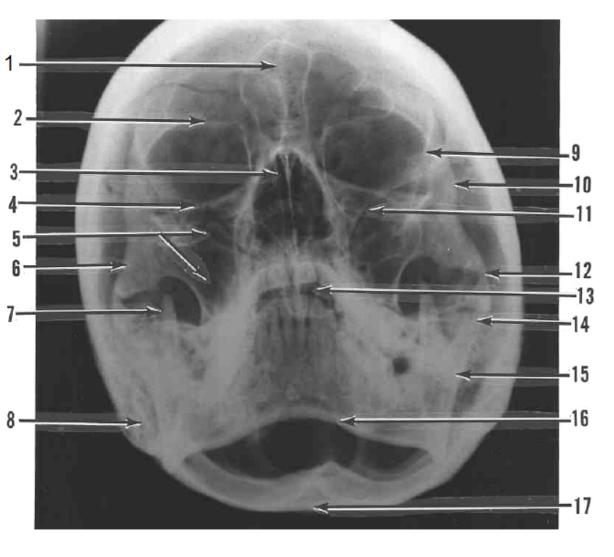
- The vertical submental projection
- The central ray is centred between the angles of the jaw the mandibular arch and condyles, the skull base, sphenoid sinus and the posterior ethmoid cells



Waters Technique

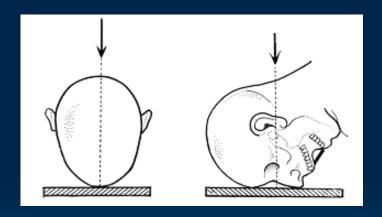


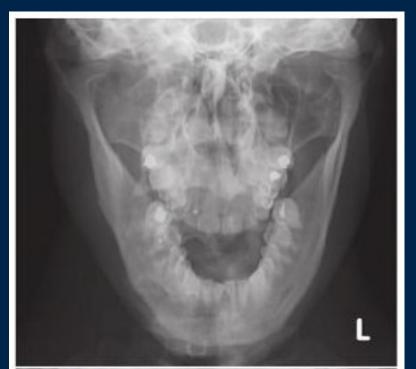
- Postero-anterior projection
- The paranasal sinuses, orbital floor, orbital rim, mandible zygomatic arch and temporal line determine a possible fluid level indicative of sinusitis or soft tissue proliferations within sinus



- Frontal sinus
- Supraorbital notch
- Ethmoid sinus
- 4. Anterior margin of orbital floor
- Maxillary sinus
- Body of zygoma
- Coronoid process
- Mastoid air cells
- Squamozygomatic surface of greater wing of sphenoid (innominate line)
- Frontal process of zygoma (joins the zygomatic process of frontal bone)
- Lesser wing of sphenoid (the radiolucent line is the superior orbital fissure)
- 12. Zygomatic arch
- 13. Sphenoid sinus
- 14. Condyle
- 15. Ramus of mandible
- Inferior border of body of mandible
- 17. Inferior aspect of base of skull

Clementschitsch View



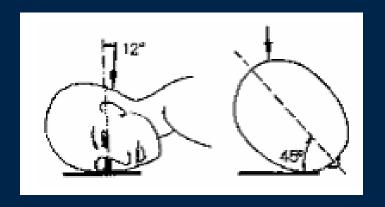




III. SPECIFIC RADIOGRAPHY

- Stenvers projection
- Schullers projection
- Alber-Schonberg view

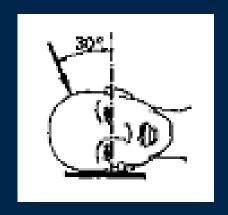
Stenvers Projection



- Position with the head rotated 45° toward the opposite side to the side under examination
- The central X-ray beam passes between the orbit and external auditory canal 12°caudad
- General overview of the petrous bone

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Schuller's Projection



- Position with the head turned laterally on the side to be examined
- The X-ray tube is angled craniocaudally (about 25°); the central X-ray exits the external auditory canal to be examined view with the mouth closed and opened allows appreciation of the temporomandibular joint dynamics

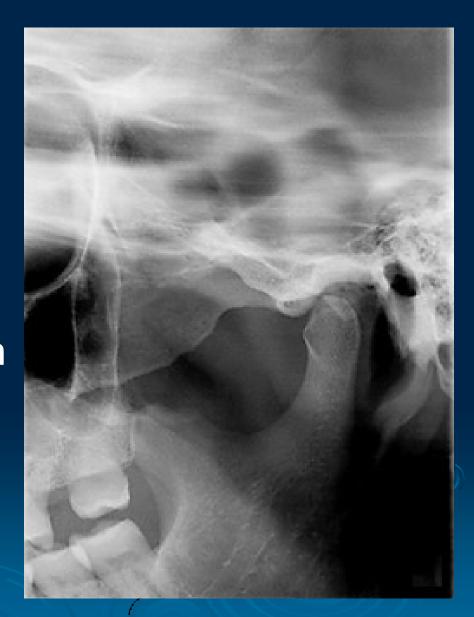




Albers-Schonberg View

Lateral transfacial position

- demostrated in open and closed positions (both sides are examined for comparison)



IV. CONTRAST IMAGING

- Sialography
- Arthrography
- Antrography
- Cystography
- Fistulography
- Angiography ...

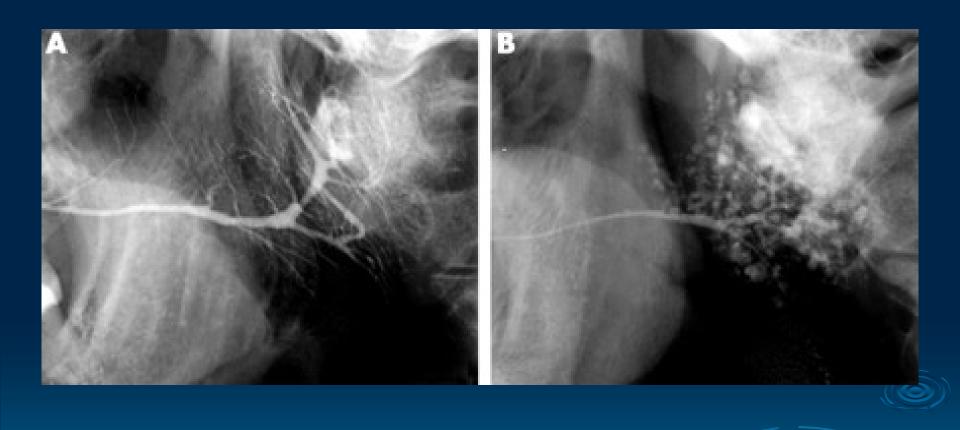
Contrast Medium

- any substance that is used to enhance the visibility of structures or fluids within the body

Negative contrast media - gas - air, CO2, oxygen (contrast looks less opaque than the surrounding tissue)

Positive contrast media - iodine, technecium

Double contrast media - iodine + gas



Sialogram with Sjögren's syndrome





Arthrography:
single-contrast arthrography - injection of contrast medium

double-contrast arthrography - injection of contrast medium and injection of air

V. COMPUTERIZED TOMOGRAPHY

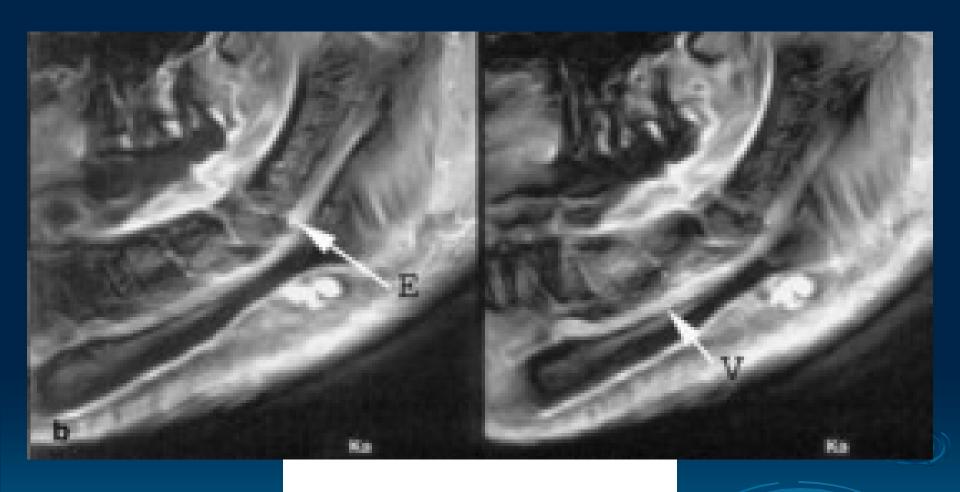
- A non-invasive x-ray technique
- More sensitive than conventional x-rays
- Creating 2 or high-quality 3 dimensional images, scanning in seconds
- Abnormal findings can reveal tumors, nodules, cysts, enlarged lymph nodes, and pleural effusions





Magnetic Resonance Imaging

- MRI allows visualization of soft tissue (muscles, fat, and internal organs) without the use of x-rays
- Using two natural, safe forces, magnetic fields and radio waves
- Can look "through" hard bones to examine soft tissue



Ultrasonography

- A noninvasive procedure
- High frequency sound waves are emitted from the transducer and received by the transducer, forming an image that is displayed on the monitor

