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Dental i-CAT scanner may be first in area

NEW BUSINESS

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A southside dentist's office has a brand new piece of equipment that will make X-rays easier.

Allure Dental's i-CAT scanner will allow the business to take CAT scans of a patient's entire head in less time than it takes to do traditional X-rays.

The \$165,000 system went into operation on Friday.

According to the company's practice manager, Teresa Klemme, it's the only such scanner in this part of the state. "The closest one we know of is in Indianapolis," she said.

The new scanner "shows more than a regular X-ray can show," she said, noting it can see such things as the depth of someone's bones and provide 3-D images.

"It gives us the capability to have 3-D images from a seated position," said Christian Mazur, a dentist at the office.

That creates a more realistic image than if someone is reclining.

Mazur said it will help the company in many ways, such as allowing dentists to place virtual dental implants on an image of someone's face before doing it for real. That means more accurate implants, he said.

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Christian Mazur (left) of Allure Dental lines up the i-CAT scanner Friday on patient Jim Dykhuizen.

ABOUT THE BUSINESS

Allure Dental does general dentistry with an emphasis on cosmetic dentistry and neuromuscular dentistry.

HOURS

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays.

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