



SureSmile Scanning Appointment

Congratulations! You have reached a critical milestone in your treatment—the scanning appointment.

This unique procedure is essential to keeping your treatment on an accelerated schedule because it is used to build a 3-D model of your teeth on the computer. Dr. Montano analyzes the model of your teeth to diagnose treatment issues and design your custom archwires. So you can see the scan is the first step to offering you faster treatment.



3-D intraoral scanning



Computerized treatment planning



Customized robotically-bent archwires

Scanning FAQs:

Answers to the most frequently asked questions

How does scanning work?

We use a unique 3-D camera called an OraScanner® to scan your teeth.

As we move the OraScanner's mirror around your mouth, it flashes a harmless white light that reflects off of your teeth. Similar to a digital camera, it captures pictures as it flashes — except these pictures are 3-D images.

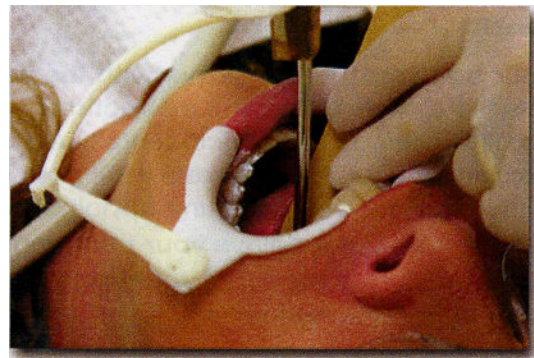
As you are scanned, you can watch the computer screen and see the images build into a 3-D model of your teeth.

What is the white coating applied to teeth?

Teeth don't reflect light that well since enamel is translucent. So just before scanning, we coat your teeth with a liquid called SureWhite® that contains some of the same ingredients as toothpaste.

Because it also contains ethanol (alcohol), some patients experience a tingling sensation like you might feel from using mouthwash. Any discomfort should quickly disappear as we dry the SureWhite and evaporate the alcohol.

Once we have applied SureWhite, it is very important to keep it dry and not touch it with your tongue or cheeks. A smooth white surface provides the most accurate representation of your tooth anatomy, which is very important for producing your SureSmile custom archwires.



After the scan, you will brush your teeth and rinse with Listerine to remove the SureWhite. Some patients may notice white areas that fade after more brushing and eating. Continued→

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