

# Carmel Distinctive Dental

## Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy & Patient Consent

At Carmel Distinctive Dental, we may utilize Artificial Intelligence (AI) software as a clinical and administrative support tool. AI is **never used as a final diagnosis or sole basis for treatment planning**.

AI tools may be used to:

- Assist with diagnostic imaging review
- Verify insurance information
- Support administrative efficiency

Please review the following policies and guidelines regarding our use of AI technology.

### 1. Data Privacy & HIPAA Compliance

Carmel Distinctive Dental is committed to protecting patient privacy and maintaining HIPAA compliance.

- We do **not** enter Protected Health Information (PHI) into free or public AI platforms.
- Any AI software utilized by our practice is secured through HIPAA-compliant systems.
- AI platforms used for diagnostic imaging and/or insurance verification are designed to protect patient confidentiality and prevent unauthorized use of patient data.

### 2. Clinical Use & Diagnostic Responsibility

AI technology is used only as a support tool and not as a replacement for professional clinical judgment.

- AI-assisted diagnostic imaging does **not** provide a final diagnosis.
- All diagnoses and treatment plans are determined solely by the treating dentist.

- Any AI software used for diagnostic imaging or insurance verification is FDA-approved when applicable.

### **3. Staff Training & Education**

Our team receives ongoing training regarding:

- Proper AI usage
- HIPAA compliance
- Patient privacy protection
- Clinical and ethical standards related to AI technology