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Screen in the Dental Chair

At BSPS we recognize we cannot that practitioners cannot be ALL things to ALL patients. We are ready help.

- 1). Look at your patient's face:
 - Can they ***breathe nasally***
 - Do they look ***healthy***
 - Dark circles*** around the eyes
 - Is the ***face symmetrical***
 - Does the head ***sit upright*** on their shoulders

- 2) Patient care
 - Do they have difficulty ***tolerating x-rays*** or bite wings
 - Do they ***gag easily***
 - Do they have ***excessive saliva*** and are constantly swallowing it
 - Does their ***tongue track the instrument*** and get in your way
 - Do you need a ***2nd assistant*** to help you

- 3) Look orally
 - Is the ***palate*** a wide U shape or narrow and vaulted
 - Is there developing ***malocclusion***
 - Is there ***adequate space*** for the tongue
 - Are there a lot of buccal and facial ***caries***
 - During an oral cancer screening, can you see the frenum length or appearance of ***oral frenula restriction***

- 4) Other Factors
 - Try watching them swallow in an ***upright position***
 - Where is the ***tongue at rest?***
 - Are there ***speech errors?***
 - Are there ***oral habits*** like thumb sucking, cheek sucking, lip biting

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