

Dental Startup Technology Checklist

Use this checklist before construction begins, during vendor coordination and again before the first patient. A missed technology requirement is easier to correct on a floor plan than after the walls close.

1. Floor Plan and Construction

☐	IT partner reviews the floor plan before low-voltage work begins
☐	Every operatory, imaging room, front desk and business area is mapped
☐	IT-room location, ventilation, electrical power and rack space are confirmed
☐	Network, phone, camera, TV, audio and wireless-access-point drops are documented
☐	Construction milestones and technology installation dates are coordinated

2. Internet, Network and Wi-Fi

☐	Business internet is ordered early enough for installation and testing
☐	Firewall, managed switches, rack, patch panels and UPS are included
☐	Clinical, business, guest and device traffic are securely separated
☐	Wireless coverage is planned for operatories, imaging and patient areas
☐	Cellular or secondary-internet failover is evaluated

3. Computers, Server and Cloud

☐	Workstation count and specifications match dental software requirements
☐	Server, hosted or cloud architecture is selected before hardware purchasing
☐	Front-desk, consult, imaging, lab and operatory peripherals are included
☐	Printers, scanners, label printers and payment devices are accounted for
☐	Hardware is staged, configured and labeled before installation

4. Dental Software and Imaging

☐	Practice-management platform installation and data needs are coordinated
☐	DEXIS, Vatech, Carestream, Planmeca, XDR or other imaging requirements are confirmed
☐	Sensors, pano, CBCT, intraoral cameras and acquisition workstations are mapped
☐	Vendor responsibilities, remote sessions and go-live dates are documented
☐	Every operatory and imaging connection is tested before opening

5. Phones, Cameras and Patient Experience

☐	VoIP numbers, porting, call routing and after-hours messages are planned
☐	Security-camera locations, NVR storage and remote access are confirmed
☐	Waiting-room TVs, operatory displays and audio systems are included
☐	Door access, alarms and specialty devices are coordinated when applicable

6. Cybersecurity, HIPAA and Backup

☐	Firewall policies, endpoint protection and device monitoring are active
☐	Unique user accounts, least-privilege access and secure remote access are configured
☐	Microsoft 365 and email security settings are reviewed
☐	Onsite and encrypted offsite backups are configured and tested
☐	A recovery plan identifies how the practice will operate after an outage

7. Opening-Day Readiness

☐	Internet, Wi-Fi, phones, computers, printers and payment devices are tested
☐	Practice-management and imaging workflows are validated in every room
☐	Backup jobs complete successfully and a test restore is documented
☐	Staff knows how to request support and escalate an urgent issue
☐	A final punch list has an owner and completion deadline
☐	Ongoing monitoring, helpdesk and onsite support begin before the first patient

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