

Tips on getting a second opinion for dental work

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Be honest. Tell your first dentist you're planning on obtaining a second opinion. As a patient, it's your right to know your options and the office should respect your wishes.

Check with your insurance to see how they handle second opinions. Some carriers may cover the cost.

Look for a highly rated [dentist](#) or specialist on Angie's List.

Make sure the second dentist is licensed by checking their credentials with your state's dentistry board.

Ask the second dentist how they charge for second opinions.

Request a copy of your X-rays, any treatment plans and the related costs from the first dentist to take to your second opinion appointment.

If asking for your X-rays and records makes you feel uncomfortable, ask the second opinion dentist to request the files for you when you make an appointment.