

SILVER DIAMINE FLUORIDE INFORMED CONSENT

Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) is a liquid medication that is applied to active tooth decay to kill bacteria and stop the cavity from growing. While the use of SDF has been FDA approved to treat tooth sensitivity, we are using SDF to help stop tooth decay.

Benefits of receiving SDF:

- SDF can help stop tooth decay.
- SDF can postpone the need for traditional dental treatment (fillings, crowns, etc.) and delay/possibly eliminate the need for sedation/general anesthesia to complete dental treatment.

Risks related to SDF include, but are not limited to:

- Patients should not be treated with SDF if:
 - He/she has an allergy to silver.
 - There are painful sores or raw areas on the gums or anywhere in the mouth.
- **The decayed area of the tooth will be stained black permanently.** Healthy tooth structure will not stain.
- Tooth colored fillings and crowns may discolor if SDF is applied to them.
- If SDF contacts the gums or skin, a brown or white stain may appear. This color change is harmless, but cannot be washed off. The discoloration will go away in 1-3 weeks.
- If tooth decay is not arrested, the decay will progress. In that case the tooth will require further treatment, such repeat SDF, a filling or crown, root canal treatment, or extraction.



Alternatives to SDF include, but are not limited to:

- No treatment. No treatment will allow untreated decay to continue further damaging tooth structure, possibly leading to pain, infection, or tooth loss.
- Fillings, crowns, extractions or referral for advanced care which may include general anesthesia.

While SDF can stop tooth decay, it will not restore the tooth structure that has already been effected. You may still require restoration of the teeth (fillings, crowns, etc.).

I certify that I have read and fully understand this document. All of my questions have been answered.

Patient Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Please Print): _____