



BUDDING SMILES OF BEAVER

GENERAL DENTIST ACCEPTING CHILDREN

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INFORMED CONSENT FOR SILVER DIAMINE FLUORIDE (SDF)

Facts for consideration

- Silver diamine fluoride (SDF) is an antibacterial liquid used to treat tooth sensitivity and to help stop tooth decay. SDF may require repeated application, usually twice a year.
- The application of SDF is a simple/non-invasive procedure requiring scrubbing SDF on the tooth.
- Please let the dentist know if you are allergic to silver or have painful sores or raw areas on gums (i.e. ulcerative gingivitis) anywhere in the mouth.
- **Treatment with SDF does not eliminate the need for dental fillings or crowns to repair function or esthetics. Changes in diet and home care would need to be implemented to halt the progress of the cavity. Please discuss any out-of-pocket costs with the front desk in advance. Follow up appointments would be needed to discuss the progress of the cavity and any further treatment needed.**
- SDF is best used for very small cavities and patients that are very young, fearful, or have special needs that may otherwise require sedation for traditional dental treatment.

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

- **The affected area will stain black permanently. Healthy tooth structure will not stain.** Stained tooth structure can be replaced with a filling or a crown at a later time.
- If accidentally applied to the skin or gums a brown or white stain may appear. This stain causes no harm and will disappear in one to three weeks.
- There may be a metallic taste that will go away quickly.
- There is a risk that the procedure will not stop the decay, and there is no guarantee of success granted or implied.
- If tooth decay is not arrested, the decay will progress. In that case the tooth will require further treatment, such as repeat SDF, a filling, crown, root canal/ pulp treatment, or extraction.

Alternatives to SDF, not limited to the following:

- No treatment, which may lead to continued deterioration of the tooth structure and cosmetic appearance. Symptoms may increase in severity with time.
- Depending on the location and extent of the tooth decay, as well as the level of behavior and cooperation other treatment may include placement of fluoride, a filling, crown, or extractions with or without sedation.

I acknowledge that I have read and understood this consent. All questions have been answered in a satisfactory manner. I give consent to Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) treatment.

Patient name: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Witness: _____

Date: _____



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