

INFORMED CONSENT FOR SILVER DIAMINE FLUORIDE (SDF)

Facts for consideration:

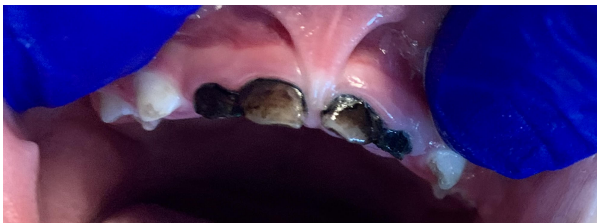
- Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) is an antimicrobial liquid. We use SDF on cavities to help stop tooth decay. We also use it to treat tooth sensitivity. SDF application every 6-12 months is necessary.
- The procedure: 1) Dry the affected area, 2) Place a small amount of SDF on the affected area, 3) Allow SDF to dry for one minute, 4) Wipe clean and then cover with Fluoride Varnish.
- **Treatment with SDF does not eliminate the need for fillings or crowns down the road.**
- SDF should not be used if 1) **Pt has allergy to Silver**, 2) there are painful sores or raw areas on my gums (i.e., ulcerative gingivitis) or anywhere in my mouth (i.e., stomatitis).

Benefits of receiving SDF:

- SDF can help stop tooth decay and relieve sensitivity.

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

- **The affected area of the tooth will stain black permanently.** Healthy tooth structure will not stain. Stained tooth structure can be replaced with a filling or a crown down the road to cover/replace the SDF.
- Tooth-colored fillings and crowns may also discolor if SDF is applied to them. Normally this color change is temporary and can be polished off.
- **If SDF comes into contact with the lips, gums, or skin a brown stain may appear** that causes no harm, cannot be washed off completely (though washing it with soap and water initially might help reduce the stain slightly), and it will disappear in 1-3 weeks.
- If tooth decay is not arrested, the decay will progress. In that case the tooth will require further treatment, such as SDF reapplication, a filling or crown, nerve treatment and/or extraction.
- These side effects may not include all of the possible situations reported by the manufacturer. If you notice other effects, please contact your dental provider.
- Every reasonable effort will be made to ensure the success of SDF treatment. There is a risk that the procedure will not stop the decay and no guarantee of success is granted or implied.



Alternatives to SDF, not limited to the following:

- No treatment, which may lead to continued deterioration of tooth structures and cosmetic appearance. Symptoms may increase in severity.
- Depending on the location and extent of the tooth decay, other treatment may include placement of fluoride varnish, a filling or crown, extraction, or referral for advanced treatment modalities.

I (Parent/Legal Guardian) have discussed the use of SDF with the dentist. I have read the consent form and I understand what is to be done and have received the information explaining the use of SDF and its effects. I have been made aware of the risks and alternative treatment options, including no treatment, and agree to the planned procedures.

Patient/Guardian Signature

Date

Patient/Guardian Printed Name

Witness Signature