

Informed Consent For Silver Diamine Fluoride

Facts for consideration:

- Silver diamine fluoride (SDF) is a liquid that helps stop tooth decay. SDF is applied to the decayed tooth area.
- After SDF application no eating or drinking for 60 minutes and no tooth brushing until the following morning.
- **The decayed area will stain black permanently. Healthy tooth structure will not stain.**
- I should not be treated with SDF if: 1) I am allergic to silver.
2) There are painful sores or raw areas on my gums or anywhere in my mouth.

Benefits of receiving SDF:

- Helps stop tooth decay.
- Fast.
- Do not need to numb teeth.
- Does not hurt.



Risks of receiving SDF:

- **The affected area will stain black permanently.** This means SDF is working.
- Tooth-colored filling and crowns may discolor if SDF is applied to them.
- After SDF treatment, a filling or crown might still be needed.
- If accidentally applied to the skin or gums, a brown or white stain may appear that causes no harm, cannot be washed off and will disappear in one to three weeks.
- Permanent dark spots if spilled on clothing.
- Allergic reaction.
- Risk that the procedure will not stop the decay.
- Not every cavity can be treated with SDF.

Alternatives to SDF, not limited to the following:

- No treatment, which may lead to continued break down of the tooth. Symptoms may get worse.
- Placement of fillings or crowns, extractions or referral to a specialist.

Patient's Endorsement: My endorsement (signature) to this form indicates that I have read and fully understand the terms and words within this document and the explanations referred to or implied. After thorough deliberation, I give my consent for the performance of any and all procedures related to the silver diamine fluoride treatment as presented to me during the consultation and treatment plan presentation by the dentist.

You or your responsible party will have the opportunity to sign an electronic copy of this form when you arrive at our office for your appointment.