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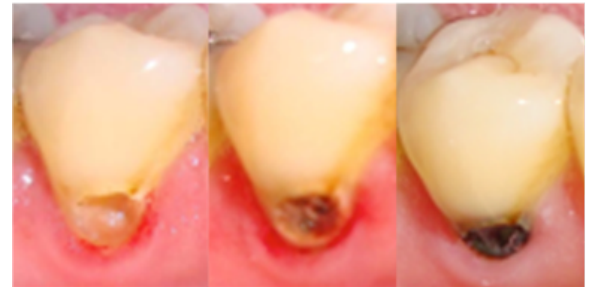
INFORMED CONSENT FOR SILVER DIAMINE FLUORIDE

Facts for consideration:

- Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) is an antibiotic 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 absorb in, 4) Blot off remaining SDF
- **This exam and procedure does not eliminate the need for routine dental care. You should continue to try to establish a dentist for you/your child as soon as possible.**
- **Treatment with SDF does not eliminate the need for dental fillings or crowns to repair function or aesthetics.**
- You should not be treated with SDF if: 1) You are **allergic to silver** 2) there are painful sores or raw areas on your gums (i.e., ulcerative gingivitis) or anywhere in my mouth (i.e., stomatitis).

Benefits of receiving SDF:

- SDF can help stop tooth decay and slow down or prevent decay in other teeth.
- SDF can help relieve sensitivity.



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 later with a filling or a crown.
- 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 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 1-3 weeks.
- You may notice a metallic taste. This will go away rapidly.
- These side effects may not include all of the possible situations reported by the manufacturer. If you notice other effects, please contact our office.
- There is a risk that the procedure will not stop the decay and it will progress. No guarantee of success is granted or implied. In that case the tooth will require further treatment, such as repeat SDF, a filling or crown, root canal treatment, or extraction.

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 a filling or crown, extraction, or referral for advanced treatment modalities.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS DOCUMENT, AND ALL MY QUESTIONS WERE ANSWERED:

_____(signature of patient/parent/guardian)_____ (date)
_____(signature of witness)_____ (date)