

Informed Consent for Silver Diamine Fluoride

Facts about Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF):

- Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) is a liquid that helps stop cavities. SDF may be applied every 3, 6 or 12 months.
- A small amount of SDF is applied to the decayed tooth area.
- After SDF treatment, a filling or crown might still be needed.
- After SDF application no eating or drinking for 30 minutes.

I should not be treated with SDF if:

- I am allergic to silver.
- There are painful sores or raw areas on gums and/or in my mouth.

Benefits of receiving SDF:

- SDF can help stop tooth decay.
- Do not need to numb or drill teeth.



Risks of receiving SDF:

- The affected area will stain black permanently. The healthy portion of the tooth will not stain black.
- Tooth-colored fillings and crowns may discolor if SDF is applied to them. This color change is generally temporary and can be polished off.
- If accidentally applied to the skin or gums, a brown stain may appear that causes no harm, cannot be washed off, and will disappear in 1-4 weeks.
- Might not stop the decay. Additional SDF may need to be applied on a different day.
- Not all decay can be treated with SDF.

Risk if not treated:

- If decay is NOT treated, it may get worse and you may lose the tooth or may need more dental work to save the tooth. If not treated, you may experience tooth pain or a life-threatening condition.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS DOCUMENT. ALL OF MY QUESTIONS ABOUT TREATMENT, INCLUDING THE BENEFITS, SIDE EFFECTS AND RISKS WERE ANSWERED.

(Signature of patient/legal guardian)

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