

Informed Consent for Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF)

1) **Silver diamine fluoride (SDF)** is an antimicrobial liquid. It can be used to **treat cavities and help stop or arrest tooth decay.** SDF stops the progression of tooth decay and thereby reduces related infections and the need for crowns and extractions.

2) **SDF can also be used to treat tooth sensitivity.** And may be applied as necessary at a frequency determined by clinician.

Treatment with SDF does not eliminate the need for dental fillings or crowns to repair function or esthetics.

If tooth decay is not arrested, the decay will progress. In that case, the tooth will require further treatment, such as a filling or crown, root canal treatment or extraction.

2) If **you decide not** to have the SDF application, it may **result in** continued deterioration of tooth structures. Symptoms may **increase in severity.**

Alternatives to SDF application include but are not limited to the following: • Use of repeated applications of fluoride varnish or other antimicrobials (e.g., chlorhexidine) to limit the progression of tooth decay. • Depending on the extent of decay, placement of a filling or crown or extraction of the affected tooth, which may require advanced treatment modalities such as sedation or general anesthesia.

Patients should not be treated with SDF if:

1.) Allergic to silver.

2.) There are painful sores or raw areas on gums (i.e., ulcerative gingivitis) or anywhere in the mouth (i.e., stomatitis).

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.

Risks related to SDF include.

- The affected or decayed area will stain dark. NOTE (decay is already discolored or dark) and the tooth will still need to be replaced with a filling or a crown by your dentist. Healthy tooth structures will not stain.
- Tooth-colored fillings and crowns may discolor if SDF is applied to them. Color changes on the surface can normally 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 one to three weeks.
- You may notice a metallic taste. This will go away rapidly. These side effects may not include all the possible situations reported by the manufacturer. If you notice other effects, please talk with your dental provider.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS DOCUMENT.

ALL OF MY QUESTIONS WERE ANSWERED:

(Signature of participant/ parent/guardian)

Date _____

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