

INFORMED CONSENT - APPLICATION OF SILVER DIAMINE FLUORIDE

Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) is an antibiotic liquid medication. It is used to slow or stop decay AND treat tooth sensitivity.

Sound Dental Care would like your consent to perform the following procedure:

- 1) Dry the teeth
- 2) Place a small amount of SDF on visible cavities
- 3) Allow to dry (optimally one minute)
- 4) Apply fluoride varnish to cover

Benefits:

- SDF may slow or stop tooth decay
- SDF may help relieve sensitivity

Possible Side Effects:

- The cavity and white pre-cavities will darken permanently as the decay process stops.
- Healthy tooth structure will not discolor.
- Discolored tooth structure can be covered or replaced with a filling at a later date.
- Tooth colored fillings and crowns may also discolor if SDF is applied to them. Normally this is temporary and can be polished off.
- If SDF comes in contact with skin and/or gums, temporary discoloration may occur. It will disappear in 1-3 weeks.
- 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.
- This treatment to stop or slow decay may not prevent the cavity from growing. In that case the tooth will require further treatment, such as repeat SDF, filling or crown, root canal or extraction.

Alternatives to SDF:

- No treatment, which may lead to continued deterioration of the tooth structure and cosmetic appearance. Symptoms may increase in severity.
- Other treatment may include placement of fillings, other restorations, or extraction.

Patient Name

Date

Signature of Patient or Guardian
