

Consent for Silver Diamine Fluoride with Fluoride Varnish Therapy to Arrest Decay

Child's Name:

Date:

Facts for Consideration:

- o Silver diamine fluoride (SDF) is a liquid that helps stop tooth decay. SDF can be applied every 3, 6, or 12 months.
- o A small amount of SDF is applied to the decayed tooth area.
- o After SDF application no eating or drinking for 60 minutes and no tooth brushing the following morning.
- o The decayed area will stain black permanently.
- o Healthy tooth structure will not stain.
- o 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:

- o Helps stop tooth decay.
- o Quick procedure
- o Do not need to numb teeth.
- o Does not hurt.



Risks of receiving SDF:

- o The affected area will stain black permanently. This means the SDF is working.
- o Tooth colored fillings and crowns may discolor if SDF is applied to them.
- o After SDF treatment, a filling or crown might still be needed.
- o 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.
- o Permanent dark spots will result if spilled on clothing.
- o Allergic reaction
- o Risk that the procedure will not stop decay.
- o Not every cavity can be treated with SDF.

Alternatives to SDF, not limited to the following:

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

I have read this form. I understand the treatment and have had the chance to ask questions. I have seen the photo of how teeth may look after SDF discolors the cavities. I understand that I may refuse treatment with SDF.

I understand that I can decide to have no treatment or I can have fillings, crowns, or extractions done at this or another dental office.

I consent and authorize the application of Silver Diamine Fluoride to help stop tooth decay.

Signature of patient / parent / guardian: