



Consent for Silver Diamine Fluoride Therapy To Arrest Tooth Decay

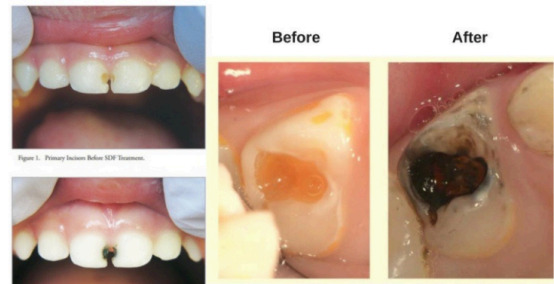
The use of silver diamine fluoride in dentistry has been well documented for its safe and successful ability to control tooth decay. Its application is a conservative approach for the treatment of active decay. **We use SDF on cavities to help stop tooth decay from progressing, we also use it to treat sensitivity.** SDF application every 6-12 months may be necessary.

Treatment with SDF does not eliminate the need for dental fillings or crowns to repair function or esthetics, it kills the bacteria responsible for decay and prevents decay from spreading.

Contraindications: Silver Diamine Fluoride Allergy (very rare)

The Procedure:

1. Dry area
2. Place small amount of SDF on affected area
3. Allow to dry for 1 min
4. Rinse



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 with a filling or a crown.
- Tooth colored fillings or crowns may discolor if SDF is applied to them. Color changes on the surface can normally be polished off. The edge between a tooth and filling may remain stained.
- 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.
- There could be a metallic taste, this will go away rapidly.

Alternatives to SDF, not limited to:

- No treatment, which may lead to continued deterioration of tooth structure and cosmetic appearance, as well as increased sensitivity and/or pain. There is also risk of dental infection or abscess when decay is left untreated.

I certify that I have read and fully understand the information given to me about SDF. I have read this form, understand the treatment, have had the risks, benefits, and alternative treatments explained and have had the chance to ask questions. I understand that I may refuse treatment. 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. If the decay is not arrested, further treatment may be necessary. I also understand that this treatment may not be covered by my insurance (if applicable). It is my responsibility to contact my dental insurance company to discuss and understand my policy. I give my consent to have any member of the Cascade Hygiene team administer Silver Diamine Fluoride on:

Patient Name _____ Date _____

Signature of Patient /
POA / Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

Please return this form to: cascadehygiene@gmail.com