

## Informed Consent for Silver Diamine Fluoride

### Facts for Consideration

- Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) is an antibiotic liquid. It can be used to help stop tooth decay. It can also be used to treat tooth sensitivity. SDF application every 6 to 12 months is high recommended.
- Application procedure:
  - Dry the affected area. Place a small amount of SDF on the affected area.
  - Allow SDF to dry for approximately one minute. Rinse.

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

- I should not be treated with SD if:
  - I am allergic to silver
  - There are painful sores or raw areas on my gums or anywhere in my mouth.

### Benefits of receiving SDF

- SDF can help stop tooth decay & relieve sensitivity.

### Risks related to SDF include:

- The affected area will stain black permanently. Healthy tooth structure will not stain. Stained tooth structure can be replaced with a filling or crown.
- Tooth-colored fillings and crowns may discolor if SDF is applied to them. Color changes on the surface can usually be polished off. The edge between a tooth and filling may keep the color.
- If accidentally applied to the ski or gums, a brown or white stain may appear that causes no harm, cannot be washed off and will di appear in one to three weeks.
- You may notice a metallic taste. This will go away rapidly.
- If tooth decay is not arrested, the decay will progress. In that case the tooth will need further treatment, such as repeat SDF, a filling or crown, root canal treatment or extraction.
- 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.
- These side effects may not include all possible situations. If you notice other effects, please contact your dental provider.

### Alternatives to SDF, not limited to the following:

- No treatment, which may lead to continued deterioration of tooth structure and cosmetic appearance. Symptoms may increase in severity.
- Depending on location and extent of decay, other treatments may include placement of fluoride varnish, a filling or crown, extraction or referral for advanced treatment modalities.

**I certify that I have read and fully understand this document and all my questions have been answered.**

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Signature of patient/guardian

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Date

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Signature of witness

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