

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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Vision: To be the **Healthiest State** in the Nation

CONSENT FOR SILVER DIAMINE FLUORIDE

Facts for consideration:

- Silver Diamine Fluoride(SDF) is an antibiotic liquid. We use SDF on cavities to help stop tooth decay. We also use it to treat tooth sensitivity.
- The procedure: 1) Dry the affected area, 2) Place a small amount of SDF on the affected area,3) Allow SDF to dry for one minute,4) Place fluoride varnish
- **Treatment with SDF does not eliminate the need for dental fillings or crowns to repair function or esthetics.**
- 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 (i.e., ulcerative gingivitis) or anywhere in my mouth (i.e., stomatitis).

Benefits of receiving SDF:

- SDF can help stop tooth decay
- SDF can help relieve sensitivity.

Risks related to SDF included, 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 and crowns may also discolor if SDF is applied to them. Normally this color change is temporary and can be polish off.
- If accidentally applied to the skin or gums, a brown stain may appear that causes no harm, cannot be washed off, and will disappear in 1-3 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 require further treatment, such repeat SDF, a filling or crown, root canal treatment, or extraction.
- These side effects may not include all the possible situations reported by the manufacturer. If you notice other effects, please contact your dental provider.
- 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.

Alternatives to SDF, not limited to the following:

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

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS DOCUMENT, AND ALL MY QUESTIONS WERE ANSWERED:

_____ (signature of patient) _____ (date)
 _____ (signature of witness) _____ (date)